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THE LAMP

A CATHOLIC MONTHLY DEVOTED TO CHURCH UNITY AND MISSIONS

For Sion's sake I will not hold my Peace, and for the sake of Jerusalem I will not rest until the JUST ONE comes forth as Brightness, and her SAVIOUR be lighted as a Lamp.—Isaias, lxii. 11.

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A WORD TO BISHOPS, PRIESTS, AND SISTERS IN THE FIELD AFAR

The Editor first of all directs your attention to the Holy Father's Encyclical on the observance of the Holy Year and how in that important address to the Catholic faithful in every part of the world Pope Pius XI reveals his longing that the "Other Sheep" might respond to the call of the Good Shepherd, and return to the Unity of the One Fold over which, as Universal Shepherd, Peter's Successor presides.

In full accord with the mind and heart of our Holy Father, will you not observe with more than ordinary devotion the Church Unity Octave within the first month of the Jubilee Year, beginning as it does on the Feast of the Chair of St. Peter, January 18th, and concluding with the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul, the Apostle to the Gentiles, January 25th?

Surely, no class of Catholics more than the Missionaries will echo the fervent prayer of our Great High Priest on the night of His betrayal: "*Ut omnes unum sint; that they all may be one*," because Church Unity and the success of Catholic Missions go hand in hand. For did not Our Lord pray the Father that His Disciples might be one, *in order that* the world might believe in His Messiahship?

The triumph of Christ's Kingdom over pagan darkness, and the recognition of His Royal Reign by all nations depends upon the union of all believers in the One Fold under the One Shepherd.

The Editor, moreover, especially entreats the Bishops in the Field Afar, when they make their *Ad Limina* visit during the Holy Year, to join their request with that of other Bishops in other parts of the world, supplicating the Holy Father to make the observance of the Church Unity Octave of obligation throughout the universal Church in the same way that Pope Leo XIII made the recitation of the Rosary and the prayer to St. Joseph obligatory during the month of October, thus confirming the brief of Pope Benedict XV, recommending the observance of the Octave of Prayer for Catholic Unity to the faithful everywhere.

The Editor would be grateful for reports concerning the Observance of the Octave during the Holy Year sent in to the Central Office, Graymoor, Garrison, N. Y., U. S. A. from every part of the world any time after January 25, 1925. A collection is being made of the Church Unity Prayers as published in the languages of Europe, Asia, Africa, North and South America and the Islands of the Sea.

A MATERNAL AMBITION WORTHY OF EMULATION!

A Reader of THE LAMP in Quebec in a recent letter to the Editor writes:

"*May I ask you and the other Reverend Friars to pray that my boys may persevere in their desire to become Priests, and also that my daughters may have Religious Vocations.*"

This lady is a worthy successor of the mother of Zebedee's Children, who came to Our Lord with the request that her two sons might sit, one on the right hand, and the other on His left in His Kingdom.

The Holy Ghost does not reveal any condemnation on the part of Our Blessed Lord of this Jewish lady's ambition. But turning to the two sons, for whom their mother was the spokesman, He said: "*Ye know not what ye ask*," and then He outlined to them the sacrifices that would be required in realizing so exalted an ambition. Their reply was: "*We are able*." And we know that these two, either on the right hand or the left of Christ in His Kingdom, sit on Thrones forever "judging the twelve tribes of Israel."

God will never be displeased with the ambition of a mother who desires the Priesthood for her sons, and the religious cloister for her daughters; for to be a Priest forever after the order of Melchisedech, and to follow Jesus among the one hundred and forty and four thousand, withersoever He goeth in His Kingdom, is indeed to wish the best things that a mother's love could request either for her sons or her daughters.

We hope that this good Catholic Woman in Quebec will find many to emulate her example among the Readers of THE LAMP.

We firmly believe at Graymoor that God has made a Covenant with the Society of the Atonement to exceedingly bless and multiply its Members.

It would help Divine Providence to realize His purpose of fecundity for our Holy Institute if those mothers and fathers who are already Associates of the Society, would, by prayer and holy resolve, dedicate their sons and daughters to the service of God and Holy Mother Church, either as future Priests, Lay Brothers, or Sisters of the Atonement.

CHURCH UNITY OCTAVE IN CHINA

Missionaries Everywhere Take Notice!

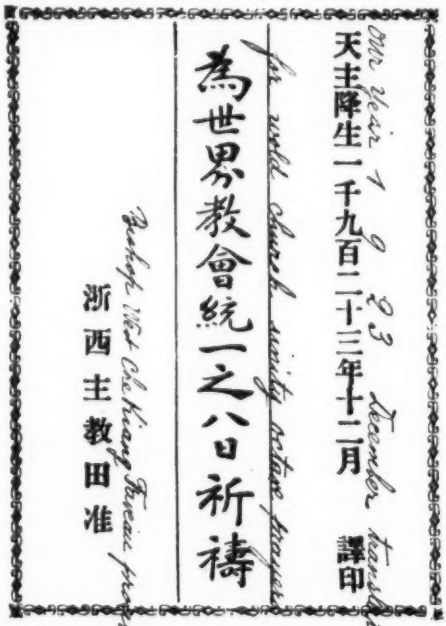
We reproduce herewith the first page of a folder in Chinese which has been sent us from the land of the rising sun. The three lines in Chinese, when translated, read as follows:

Our Year 1-9-23 December. Translation for World Church Unity Octave prayers.

Bishop West Che Kiang Faveau. Approved.

The form of prayers with the date for the Octave, and the Indulgences, then follow, and it is dated "Datum Hang Chow, Bishop's House"—all in Chinese.

The Reverend gentleman who sent us this leaflet from far away China, which knew block-printing before it was introduced into Europe, could not refrain from writing in good English on the outside of the leaflet—"Hurrah for Fr. Paul!!!" The managing editor takes the liberty of passing this on to our Readers as he is sure they will be interested. In this Jubilee year of the Very Rev. Father, hurrahs from China and other parts of the world are very appropriate, and should not be wholly suppressed, though the Reverend Father is much more intent that everywhere the letter and spirit of the Papal Brief for the universal observance of the Church Unity Octave from January 18th to the 25th, should be complied with by all.



Time to Make Ready

By the time this issue of THE LAMP reaches our various missionary readers, it will be time to make preparations for as wide and devout an observance of the Octave as possible, bearing in mind always that its object is to address Heaven with a united earnestness that will bring down great blessings on the many means employed for the winning of the "other sheep" and for the glory and exaltation of our holy Mother the Church.

In the years that have marked off a quarter of a century, these prayers have won many notable answers in blessings and graces which have brought thousands of the Oriental Rite and thousands of Protestants within the true Fold. The object of this Octave is that "ALL May Be One." It is the prayer and object of our divine Lord, and we must not rest on our oars simply because we have made some progress. Keep ever in mind the destination of "Peter's bark," and pray without ceasing, translating so far as possible the Octave devotions into the language of the people.

AUTUMN

How delicately steps the autumn day
In azure cloak and gown of ashen gray,
Over the level country that I love!

With glittering veils of light about her head,
And skirts of wide horizons round her spread,
White as the white wing-feathers of a dove.

Her feet, a flash of silver on the sea,
Chase silver sails that fly untiringly,
Towards the enchanted
Towards the enchanted Islands of the West.

Beautiful Islands, gardens of delight!
That flower at dawn with roses red and white,
And flame at sunset gold and amethyst.

How delicately steps the autumn day,
In azure cloak and woven of ashen gray,
Over the level country that I love!

And how my heart that all sweet things beguile,
Goes laughing with her for a little while,
And then turns homeward like a weary dove.

The Quarterly.

TO BE RECITED DAILY DURING OCTAVE

Antiphon. That they all may be One, as Thou Father, in Me and I in Thee; that they also may be one in Us; that the world may believe that Thou hast sent Me.—St. John xvii: 21.

V. I say unto thee, that thou art Peter;
R. And upon this Rock I will build My Church.

THE PRAYER

O Lord Jesus Christ, who saidst unto Thine Apostles; etc.

MULTUM IN PARVO

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With the completion this summer of the steel skeleton for the new basilica of the famous shrine of Ste. Anne de Beaupre, in the Province of Quebec, the stone work of the great ecclesiastical structure was begun by the laying of the cornerstone Sept. 14 by the aged Cardinal Begin, Archbishop of Quebec. The original shrine, to which have been attributed many miraculous cures was burned to the ground March 29, 1922.

Early in October, Mexico's first Eucharistic Congress was held when one hundred thousand people went on a pilgrimage to Mexico's patron Saint, Our Lady of Guadalupe, whose shrine is not far from the City of Mexico. Many dignitaries of Mexico and from Central America and the United States attended. The program was not interfered with, as there was some fear it might be.

Holy Orders were conferred on 123 candidates, the largest class ever to be assembled in Washington, on October 2nd in the crypt of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. The candidates represented many religious orders, and included forty-six who received the Tonsure, eleven the first two minor orders, twenty-two the last two minor orders, six the subdiaconate and forty the diaconate.

Practically 5,000,000 out of Austria's 6,500,000 people are Catholics, though many of them have been infected into Socialism, and have little religious fervor. The Jews constitute more than 1,000,000 and the Lutherans, Old Catholics, etc., the balance, says Monsignor Noll who recently made a world tour.

"The Star Spangled Banner" is now in disrepute among the self-styled "100 per cent Americans." The *American Standard*, an anti-Catholic publication, an unofficial but enthusiastic organ of the Ku Klux Klan, in its current issue contains a denunciation of the National Anthem.

The huge organ which was formerly in the Palace of Music at White City Exhibition, London, has been acquired by Holy Cross Church, Catford, a London suburb. It weighs nine tons and has 1,367 pipes. The organ was blessed prior to its being used for the first time in the service of the Church.

Canon Bertoye, director of *La Croix*, who is at present accompanying a French pilgrimage in Palestine, relates in his paper an incident which created a great stir in Jerusalem, and for which the Latin patriarch, Msgr. Barlassina, expressed his regret to the pilgrims. Referring to the conversion to Catholicism of the son of Herzl, the founder of Zionism, the *Doar Ayoum*, the Zionist paper of Jerusalem, published a violent article containing the vilest statements with regard to the birth of Christ.

The Holy Father has sent Msgr. Constantini, Apostolic Delegate in China, the sum of 100,000 lire as first aid for the victims of the floods in the province of Tien-Tsin.

With one of the most remarkable years of building in the university world just placed to its credit, the Catholic University of America is already energetically starting to push through another year of even more pretentious construction. Five major projects are now in progress or will be started within a few days, and the total involves $2,000,000.

From New York and Maryland to Oregon, and from Canada to Texas, representatives gathered at the Catholic Rural Life Conference held in Milwaukee October 20 to 23. The U. S. Department of Agriculture was represented on the program by Dr. C. J. Galpin of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics and George E. Farrell of the Extension Service of the U. S. Department of Agriculture. The work of the rural religious communities was explained by Father Sigstien of Gary, Ind., Sister Marie Ellerker, O. S. D., of Duluth, and Rev. George Daley, who is organizing the Sisters of Service in Canada. The Hierarchy was represented on the program by Most Rev. Sebastian Messmer, the Archbishop of Milwaukee, who delivered the address of welcome, and by Bishop P. J. Muldoon of Rockford and Bishop T. W. Drumm of Des Moines, Iowa, who spoke at the annual banquet held October 22nd. Rural pastors, including Father Felix Pitt of Kentucky, Father George Hildner of Missouri, Father Le Farge of Maryland and Father George Nell of Illinois discussed "The Rural Parish."

A gathering of some 2,500 persons, all of whom could boast that they were genuine one hundred per cent Americans, but among whom there was no sign of hooded nighties, prowling antics, fiery crosses and fanatical appeals to hatred of fellowmen, convened in South Dakota during the month of July. They were Catholic Sioux Indians of South Dakota, with delegates from the tribes of neighboring States, who met

for their annual Congress at St. Francis, on the Rosebud Reservation, in the south central portion of the State.

The splendid new stadium of the Catholic University of America was dedicated in October with a colorful pageantry seldom seen at an American educational institution, and with an array of distinguished guests that would have done credit to the opening of a world assemblage. A cabinet member personally representing the President of the United States; three justices of the United States courts, diplomats of fifteen foreign nations, envoys of eleven universities and colleges, six generals and two admirals participated actively in the ceremony or sat in the boxes. The Apostolic Delegate of the Holy See lent his presence, and the Most Rev. Michael J. Curley, Archbishop of Baltimore and Chancellor of the University, attended. Representatives of virtually every civic organization in Washington were enthusiastic guests that they might recognize the stadium, the only one in the Capital, as a civic asset.

Ten Protestant clergymen, two Jewish rabbis, and scores of leading business men in Detroit, all non-Catholic, have issued a signed statement denouncing the proposed amendment which would close parochial and private schools in Michigan. The amendment is branded as tyrannical and vicious. The signers point out that it would greatly increase taxes for school purposes.

Among the interesting exhibits which will be displayed at the Missionary Exhibition during the coming year in Rome is a group of statues portraying scenes and famous characters among the American Indians. The sculptures are the work of Cavaliere Pettrich a pupil of Thorwaldsen, and were presented by the sculptor to Pope Pius IX in 1856. Since that time they have reposed in the Lateran Museum.

From London on October 5th it was announced that three Anglican clergymen have made their submission to the Church. The Rev. John Pinsent, who was received at Boscombe, formerly held curacies at Woolwich, Biggleswade, Leiston, Crosby and Lincoln. The news of his conversion will, therefore, create a widespread impression. The Rev. Frederick Bevan, M. A., late Anglican curate at Holme-on-Spalding-Moor, Yorks, and at Benwell, Newcastle-on-Tyne, has also been received. The name of the third convert is being withheld for personal reasons. His name is very well known in England as that of a controversialist.

As the N. C. W. C. News Service has already announced, the Sisters of St. Claire of the Carmel in Alencon, in Normandy suddenly dispersed a few weeks ago owing to a threat of persecution. Another menace has now appeared, this time directed at the Poor Clares of Evian in Savoy. But, differing from their sisters in Alencon, the nuns of Evian, in accordance with religious authority, have decided not to leave their convent and to resist any measures which eventually may be taken against them.

Nuns and clergy from all parts of New Jersey turned out in large numbers on Sept. 21st., at St. Elizabeth's College, Convent Station, N. J., to bid farewell to the first band of five Sisters of Charity of the New Jersey diocese to leave the United States for foreign mission work. The Sisters left on the first leg of their journey to San Francisco where they will embark for Hunan, China, there to be met by the Passionist Priests who already have established missions, schools and orphanages throughout the province. The nuns are Sisters M. Loretta Halligan, M. Patricia Rose Hurley, M. Maria Electa McDermott, M. Finan Griffin and M. Devota Ross. All taught at St. Elizabeth's College and were selected from among 1,700 nuns of the diocese.

Two thousand roses, freshly shipped from the country, were distributed to the congregation at the Church of Our Lady of Victories, Kensington, on Rosary Sunday evening. The custom of distributing roses is gaining ground in England.

Invitations have been sent out to every registered nurse by the International Catholic Guild of Nurses, asking for consideration of that organization when the nurse is making her selection of organizations she wishes to join. This Catholic organization was founded at Spring Bank, Wis., a year ago. The constitution and by-laws were adopted in June this year. It is sponsored largely by the Jesuits and by the Catholic hospital Association and its purpose is to contribute to the strengthening and elevation of the nursing profession. It has adopted the motto "Christian Love in Service." Applications for membership may be sent to the Rev. E. F. Garesche, S. J., International Spiritual Director, at the office of the Catholic Hospital Association, 124 13th Street, Milwaukee, Wis., or to the International President, Kathryn McGovern, St. Mary's Hospital, Minneapolis.

The headquarters of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D. C., received word from the Daughters of Isabella who recently held a convention in Chicago, saying that they had voted $10,000 for one of the Chapels in the Crypt of the Shrine. The chapels, of which there are fifteen, are being given by devout Catholic organizations and individuals. The Ladies of St. John are also to give one of the chapels. Seven of the fifteen chapels have been given. Work on the Shrine is progressing.

The Christian leaders for some time have been thinking of instituting a National Day for the Christians in India. St. Thomas, the Apostle, is honored in the East on July 3. St. Thomas, being the first Apostle to India, there was general agreement that his day should be taken as the National Day for all Christians in India. Accordingly, on July 3, last, the day was kept as a holiday in many of the Christian centers. The movement has taken a firm hold in South India, especially in Malabar, which contributes about one-third of the Christians in India. The movement is gradually spreading to the other parts of India as well.

PERSONALS

Lieutenant Alford J. Williams, Jr. naval aviator who holds the world's speed record of 266.6 miles an hour, applied to the assistant dean of Georgetown University Law School for registration as a Senior.

"You'll have to show credits for two years' legal work," the flyer was told.

That sounded like a serious obstacle. The records showing his credits for previous work were in New York and they were needed the same day in Washington.

"That's all right, I'll go to New York this afternoon and bring them back from Fordham before school closes," Lieutenant Williams replied.

And he did. He just flew.

Cardinal Hayes was the guest of honor at a luncheon given under the auspices of the Catholic Actors' Guild at the Hotel Astor, October 27th. Approximately 1500 covers were laid in the grand ball room of the hotel and applications for more than that number of seats were received. The annual luncheon of the Guild had been postponed until the date mentioned in order that it might be made the occasion of an official welcome to the Cardinal by the actors. On October 15th the Cardinal was guest of honor at a meeting of the Catholic Writers' Guild held in their newly acquired building on 71st Street.

The Rev. Anselm M. Keefe, O. Praem., has been appointed a member of the faculty of the University of Wisconsin, the first priest to be thus appointed by that institution. He will teach botany. Father Keefe, who is a graduate of St. Norbert's College, last year studied science at Wisconsin, where he was granted a fellowship. This year he will continue his research work, in addition to teaching, and next year he will return to St. Norbert's as professor of biology. He has done three years of special work in biology at the Catholic University of America.

Helen M. Ritz, a graduate from Nazareth Academy last June, heads the list of University scholarship winners announced by the New York State Department of Education. She won her college entrance diploma with an average of 97.57. Miss Ritz intends to prepare for teaching at Nazareth College, Rochester. Nazareth Academy pupils won twelve out of the twenty-five scholarships awarded in Monroe County and three out of the ten highest in the State.

Brother Ambrose Nussbaum, who went to Chicago in 1881 and took charge of Alexian Brothers' hospital, died at that institution last month, aged 72. It is said at the hospital that in the 43 years he has been there Brother Ambrose never missed his daily rounds until he suffered a breakdown in July.

The Rev. A. R. Thier, D. C. L. has been appointed vice-president, and the Rev. William H. Russell, A. M. spiritual director of Columbia College, it was announced by the Most Rev. James J. Keane, Archbishop of Dubuque. Dr. Thier, has been treasurer of Columbia College since 1906.

Blind for 22 years, Father William Greene died suddenly at Nazareth House, Hammersmith, near London, where despite his affliction he carried on the work of a normally-gifted priest. He was 72 years of age. Father Greene said Mass daily at the house of the Sisters of Nazareth. He gave regular instructions to the children, heard the confessions of the old inmates, and gave catechetical instructions to converts, of whom he nearly always had six or seven on hand. He gave a weekly homily to the Sisters, and spent long hours in silent adoration before the tabernacle. He did missionary work in Dublin before he came to live in active retirement here. A man of remarkable physique, he hardly knew a day's illness.

Related to the Ven. Robert Southwell, S. J., poet, who was martyred at Tyburn in 1595, Mrs. Rebecca Martha Boursot dropped dead in London last month after returning from a walk with some friends. She was a daily attendant at Mass and had received Communion on the morning of her death.

Speaking at the laying of the cornerstone of the new Knights of Columbus Home in Baltimore, Archbishop Curley denounced the restrictive immigration law enacted by the last session of Congress as "conceived in an Anti-Catholic spirit, which is intolerant and unwise." "In the years to come we shall see the harmful effects of such legislation," the Archbishop said. "America should keep her door open to all persons who wish to enter and become industrious, law-abiding citizens."

Representative Sydney E. Mudd of Maryland died at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore on October 11th. He entered the hospital two days earlier for observation of an intestinal disorder which, it was thought, might necessitate an operation. Fever developed before a decision regarding the operation had been reached. Mr. Mudd was a Catholic and a graduate of Georgetown University, Washington. He served for a time as instructor in Criminal Law at the Georgetown Law School. He was a member of the Sixty-fourth, Sixty-fifth, Sixty-sixth, and Sixty-seventh Congresses and was a candidate for re-election. From 1911 to 1914 he served as Assistant District Attorney of the District of Columbia.

Francis Sheed, Master of the London Branch of the Catholic Evidence Guild, spoke at the Paulists' Auditorium, Columbus Avenue and Sixtieth Street, New York, the evening of October 28th. Mr. Sheed together with his fellow-laymen of the Catholic Evidence Guild have been preaching the truths of Catholicism on the streets in England for several years. The speakers are given a thorough preparatory course before they are sent out to address the crowds. The work has the approval of Cardinal Bourne, Archbishop of Westminster.

With high prelates of the Catholic church from three nations officiating in the principal roles, and with prelates from many states either among the officials of the service, or in attendance, Rt. Rev. Francis Clement Kelley, D. D., LL.D., Prothonotary Apostolic, and for nineteen years president of the Catholic Church Extension Society, was consecrated Bishop of Oklahoma, at Holy Name Cathedral, Chicago, on the morning of October 2nd.

Graymoor Annals.

The chronicler of Graymoor Annals has the happy task this month of telling our Readers how the Silver Jubilee of the Coming of the Friars to Graymoor in the person of the Father Founder was celebrated.

It began on the Mount of the Atonement with Solemn Vespers of the next day's Feast at three o'clock Friday. Oct. 3rd, just about the time when the Father Founder, under the guidance of Joseph Davis, the builder of the Convent, scaled the mountainside twenty-five years before and on a ledge of a rock near the summit beheld the Hudson in the distance and the magnificent panorama lying in between. After Solemn Vespers with ringing of bells was sung the *Transitus* of St. Francis, consisting mainly of the Psalm which St. Francis recited as his last act of praise to and faith in God before his spirit took its flight from his crucified body at sunset on October 3rd, 1226.

Then came the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, which continued until a little beyond the time of St. Francis exit from this world to the next.

The Silver Jubilee Celebration on St. Francis' Day centered at the Convent, because it was on October 4th twenty-five years ago that St. Francis' House was dedicated. A Solemn High Mass of great joy and splendor was celebrated in St. John's Church, which is now connected by a bridge with Saint Francis' House, the Sisters' Convent; and a sermon suitable to the occasion was preached by the Jubilarian.

The next day was Sunday, October 5th. Not only at the Solemn High Mass in St. John's in the morning was it crowded to its fullest capacity by the Faithful, but in the afternoon the largest Pilgrimage in the history of Graymoor came up from New York filling thirteen busses. Five hundred people thronged the summit of the Mount of the Atonement and joined in Solemn Benediction at the Shrine of the Blessed Virgin, which marks the spot where on July 27th 1900, the Father Founder made his Life Profession, vowing to observe the Rule which St. Francis gave to the Friars Minor.

Original Cross Erected by Father Paul, S. A., on Top of the Mt. of the Atonement, which is sometimes above the Clouds, as in this picture.

Monday was spent mainly in preparation for the Celebration of Covenant Day, October 7th, which was selected as the special day for jubilation on the Mount of the Atonement. Ten-thirty was the hour of Solemn High Mass in St. Francis' Church, which was beautifully decorated with flowers, broidered hangings and many lights for the occasion. The clergy vested in St. John's Atonement College, and the procession of students, Friars, visiting Religious, Priests and Monsignori proceeded to the Church where the combined choirs of the Friars and Sisters rendered the Plain Song Chant in a most inspiring manner. But that which specially impressed the visiting clergy was the chanting in English at the end of Mass of the Te Deum antiphonally by the Mountain and Convent Choirs.

The sermon was preached by Rt. Rev. Msgr. Michael J. Lavelle and was a masterpiece of its kind.

At the end of the Mass the Monsignor announced to the congregation that he had been commissioned by His Eminence Cardinal Hayes to represent him on the occasion and to express his sincere regret that a prior engagement prevented him from being present in

person. He then read the following cablegram from the Vatican:

Cardinal Hayes, 460 Madison Ave., New York City.

Holy Father sends special blessing to Father Paul James Francis on occasion of Graymoor Jubilee.

(signed) *Cardinal Gasparri*

(Dated) *Rome, Italy, Oct. 5th, 1924.*

After the Solemn High Mass a festival dinner was served in the Refectory of the Friars to the visiting dignitaries and certain laymen who honored the occasion by their presence.

The Celebration was concluded by a Gaudeamus in the Atonement College at which congratulatory speeches were made by Msgr. Rummell and Reverend Father Vanoverberg on the part of the Clergy and Mr. O'Loughlin and Mr. J. A. M. Richey on behalf of the laity, Msgr. Lavelle presiding as toastmaster. Monsignor Donnelly enlivened the occasion by singing two songs that were enthusiastically applauded.

Permit the Editor to place on record in Graymoor Annals the great gratitude and affection of the Jubilarian for all who have contributed to the success of the Silver Jubilee Celebration and more particularly to the Five Thousand Members of THE LAMP Army, who have sent their congratulations to us at this happy time and who by their combined contributions have completely cancelled all debts resting upon the Mount of the Atonement, a practical way of expressing their felicitations, which is immensely appreciated by the Father Founder.

We send you our Blessing in return, and pray God Himself to be your everlasting reward.

His Holiness Pope Pius XI, Who Blessed Graymoor

On the afternoon of Thursday, October 9th, the Friars and Students of St. John's Atonement College gave a very interesting historical sketch of the Society of the Atonement in the form of a four-act play, the idea being conceived by Rev. Father Anselm, S. A., and admirably executed with the assistance of the Friars, Sisters and Students.

GRAYMOOR BURSES

The John Reid Burse by the largest number of individual contributions recently contributed to any Burse has climbed to the top rung of the ladder, and changed places with the St. Francis Xavier Burse. The interesting question now is how long it will take the devoted clients of Bro. Philip to finish this Burse and place it among the completed ones.

St. John the Baptist, by the noble gift of One Hundred Dollars, has changed places with the Immaculate Conception Burse. St. Vincent's Burse has gone up two rungs of the ladder, Our Lady of Lourdes one rung, also Pius X. Burse and that of Saint William. The Sacred Heart Burse is pressing very close to that of the Holy Spirit, and is likely to take Third Place next Month.

COMPLETED BURSES

Sacred Heart No. 1; St. Peter's; St. Francis No. 1; St. Anthony No. 1; St. Agnes and Poor Souls.

BURSES NOT COMPLETED

(1) John Reid: E. M. S., $1; H. F. K., $5; M. M., $1; L. R. W., $1; Mrs. M. E. L., $5; Mrs. M. C. R., $1; Miss M. W., $2; M. T. M., $2; R. A. C., $1; M. E. D., $2; E. B. E., $1; A. D., $1; Mrs. M. A. H., $1; C. C., $1; R. B., $5; Mrs. T. E. E., $5.25; J. M. R., $1; G. V. G., $5; Mrs. M. S. and A. T., $1; Mrs. F. F. A., $5; Mrs. M. D., $2; E. R., $2; Mrs. M. C., $1; Mrs. J. F. S., $3; M. S., $5; Miss G. L., $1; M. A. R., $1; Miss C. O'D., $2; P. V. S., $1; M. K., $1; Mrs. J. J. D., $1; Mrs. A. G., $1; Mrs. A. R., $1; M. A. W., $1; Mrs. A. T. S., $1; M. M., $1; Sr. M. A., $5; Mrs. A. B., $2; J. P. M., $5; Mrs. M. F. C., $1; M. L., $2; Mrs. V. F. C., 50c; Mrs. E. B. V., $2; N. M., $1; Mrs. V. H., $1; Miss V. M., $2; J. H. H., $1; Mrs. C. V. K., $2; G. M. K., $5;

M. A. McG., $5; Mrs. S. C., $1; K. M., $1; Mrs. K. L. S., $1.75; Miss C. B., 25c; M. McC., $3; Mrs. Wm. B., $1; Mrs. P. S., $1; Mrs. E. D. B., $1; Mrs. B., $1; E. F. W., $2; Mrs. J. J. M., $1; Mr. J. J. M., $5; Mrs. F. S., $3; L. S. C., $1; J. S., $1; Mrs. R. M., $2; Mrs. F. D., $1; M. E. G., $2; Mrs. M. A. B., $2; Mrs. C. A. B., $1; E. M. S., 50c; M. M. E., $3; Mrs. E. E., $1; Hopeful, $1; S. G. C., $1; M. C., $1; Wm. V. R., $5; A. M. L., $1; E. P., $5; M. G. N., $5; M. K., $1; Mrs. K., $1; C. L. G., $5; D. N. C., $5; C. L. de O., $1; M. A. D., $1; M. M., $1; J. S., $1; E. G. C., $1. Total, $2,174.01.

(2) St. Francis Xavier: A. V. F., $2.75; Bro. B., 75c; Mrs. H. K. E., $5; A. G., 50c. Total, $2,119.37.

(3) Holy Spirit: E. K. McD., $2; P. E. G., $1; E. B., $1.05. Total, $1,788.80.

(4) Sacred Heart: M. S., $2; M. G., $1; Mrs. P. J. S., $1; Mrs. M. McE., $1; Mrs. P. M. J., $1; Mrs. S. M., $1; Mrs. J. F., $1.50; E. D., $3; Miss M. S., $2.50; Miss C. R. K., $3; Mrs. T. R. B., 65c. Total, $1,733.04.

(5) Our Lady of the Atonement: J. J. A., $5; E. E. H., $2; Jamaica, N. Y., $1; Mrs. J. O'R., $5; Miss M. S., $2.50; Mrs. E. E., $1; P. C., $1.25; P. K., $3.50; E. E. H., $2; I. R., $1; K. L. R., $1. Total, $1,483.22.

(6) St. Anthony No. 2: Mrs. M. F., $10; J. J. A., $5; G. V. G., $5; E. W. R., $1; Mrs. J. F., $1.50; Mrs. F. R., $1; Mrs. R. M., $1; Mrs. C. H., $1; Mrs. C., $2. Total, $1,188.51.

(7) Little Flower: Mrs. F. F. A., $5; M. Z., $1; Mrs. S. M. $1; Mrs. C. H. and Mrs. J. T., $2; M. K., $10; A. L., $2; M. F. M., 25c; Mrs. R. M., $1; C. L. de O., $2; J. A. R., $5; M. S., $1. Total, $1,037.68.

(8) St. Joseph: L. W. G., $2.50; Mrs. K. G., $2; J. C. C., $2. Total, $585.60.

(9) SS. Simon and Jude: D. F., $1; Mrs. R. L., $1. Total, $503.50.

(10) Our Lady of Perpetual Help: Mrs. J. P. D., $5; L. W. G., $2.50; Mrs. M. A. B., $2. Total, $489.00.

(11) St. John Baptist: J. M. C., $100. Total, $422.00.

(12) Immaculate Conception: C. J. G., $5; I. R., $1. Total, $331.50.

(13) St. Vincent: Dr. T. V. H., $40. Total, $294.00.

(14) St. Anne: $288.50.

(15) St. Rita: Mrs. R. M., $1. Total, $273.50.

(16) Our Lady of Lourdes: M. L. L., $2; C. L. de O., $10; A Child of Mary, $1.25; Mrs. A. F., $12; C. L. de O., $5. Total, $198.61.

(17) Holy Souls: Mrs. S. M., $1; Mrs. M. A. B., $1. Total, $174.75.

(18) Holy Face: C. K., $10; E. B., $1.05; C. K., $5; Mrs. E. J., $1. Total, $152.05.

(19) Hope: Total, $134.00.

(20) St. Paul: Total, $119.50.

(21) Blessed Sacrament: Total, $117.00.

(22) Holy Family: Mrs. P. McK., $5; Mrs. R. M., $1. Total, $102.50.

(23) St. Francis of Assisi No. 2: A. R., 50c. Total, $89.25.

(24) St. William: L. W., $15. Total, $86.00.

(25) Our Lady of Victory: Total, $80.50.

(26) St. Margaret Mary: Total, $76.50.

(27) Pius X: Mrs. I. F., $1.50; Miss C. R. K., $2; Miss S. A. B., $2; Mrs. J. C., $1; C. L. de O., $2. Total, $71.50.

(28) St. Patrick: Total, $68.25.

(29) Precious Blood: Mrs. M., $1. Total, $63.00.

(30) Thy Kingdom Come: Total, $57.00.

(31) St. Nicholas: Miss M. H., $5. Total, $56.00.

(32) Five Wounds: Total, $39.50.

(33) St. Joan of Arc: J. H. M., $1. Total, $39.00.

(34) Our Lord's Sacred Shoulders: Mrs. A. S., $1; Mrs. McC., $1; M. S., $5; Mrs. J. J. D., $1; Miss C. R. K., $4; Miss C. R. K., $2. Total, $36.00.

(35) Our Sorrowful Mother: Total, $12.00.

TESTIMONIALS TO THE EFFECTIVENESS OF BRO. PHILIP'S INTERCESSION

M. J. P., Denver, Colo.: *"I send you herewith two dollars in honor of Bro. Philip for favors received through his intercession. I had a dizzy spell for two days, and I prayed to Bro. Philip to help me, and I got better. I do believe Bro. Philip is a great Saint of God. Many thanks to good Bro. Philip."*

K. M., Tompkinsville, S. I.: *"Enclosed find, thank offering for the John Reid Burse. I prayed to Bro. Philip to rent an apartment which had been vacant for a long time, and my prayers were answered in a few days. I am most grateful."*

M. N.: *"Enclosed please find check for two dollars for the John Reid Burse. Received a favor, and am asking another."*

A. J. M., St. Louis.: *"Enclosed you will please find two dollars which I promised to send for the John Reid Burse for a special favor granted me through the intercession of Bro. Philip. This makes the second favor I have received from Bro. Philip in a little over a month's time."*

A. H., Townsend, Montana.: *"Enclosed find five dollars for the John Reid Burse in thanksgiving for a great favor received by me through Bro. Philip's kind intercession. Please publish this in* THE LAMP."

R. S., Sparrows Point, Md.: *"I prayed to Bro. Philip for a position, and promised if I obtained same, I would have a Mass said every month for the Poor Souls. Thanks to Bro. Philip and the Poor Souls, I obtained a position immediately after praying for it."*

Mrs. A. M. S., N. Y. City.: *"Enclosed find one dollar. Kindly say a Mass in honor of Blessed John Reid. My baby was very sick and restless. I promised him a Mass if baby got well. Many thanks to God and Blessed John Reid, baby is well. Please publish."*

Mrs. V. L., Coalton, W. Va.: *"Please publish my heartfelt thanks to Bro. Philip for a great favor. My brother had been away from the Sacraments for more than three years. We coaxed him to return. He said he wasn't sorry for the things he did. Finally I implored Bro. Philip to grant me my wish. That was in May. In June a friend of mine saw my brother receive Communion, after being away so long. It is a great favor indeed."*

Grateful Client: *"Enclosed please find $1.25, $1.00 for the John Reid Burse promised in thanksgiving for relief of pain in the head, and twenty-five cents for a picture of him.*

"Through his and St. Anthony's intercession I made a sale which I was very anxious to go through, and it went through the day I asked his help. Please publish."

CHAT WITH OUR SUBSCRIBERS

We regard it as a happy coincidence that the Silver Jubilee of the Coming of the Friars to Graymoor should anticipate by less than three months the Holy Year to be celebrated at Rome. This Anniversary is so important that we intend to celebrate a Jubilee Year at Graymoor following the Roman tradition.

What we would like to achieve more than anything else during the Jubilee Year is the increase of the Membership of the *Union-That-Nothing-Be-Lost* from One Hundred Thousand to A QUARTER OF A MILLION, and we shall continue to ask the cooperation of our LAMP Subscribers in bringing that to pass.

The first essential thing is for ALL OUR PRESENT SUBSCRIBERS who *ipso facto*, are Members of the *Union-That-Nothing-Be-Lost*, TO HOLD ON TO THEIR MEMBERSHIP in THE LAMP ARMY, AND TO RENEW THEIR SUBSCRIPTION PROMPTLY WHEN IT EXPIRES.

THE NEXT ESSENTIAL THING is for EVERY MEMBER of THE LAMP ARMY TO REGISTER A FIRM RESOLVE to Secure At Least ONE TRIAL SUBSCRIPTION to THE LAMP or FOUR NEW CANDLE SUBSCRIBERS; the Subscription Price, as you know, for THE CANDLE being *Twenty-Five Cents a year.*

IF YOU WILL ALL *carry this resolution Into Effect we shall certainly* reach the QUARTER OF A MILLION GOAL for the *Union-That-Nothing-Be-Lost.*

It has been most cheering and gratifying to The Editor to receive so many testimonials of fealty and affection from LAMP Readers all over the United States, Canada and foreign parts in connection with our Silver Jubilee. As stated in Graymoor Annals, fully 5,000 such letters have been received, together with telegrams and personal pilgrimages to our Holy Mountain. These marks of affection and loyal cooperation in the work of the Society of the Atonement touched the Editor deeply. Below we publish a few quotations from letters we have received manifesting the affection which the Subscribers have towards THE LAMP.

Mrs. L. A., St. Louis, Mo.: *"Enclosed find one dollar for my subscription as I sure enjoy* THE LAMP. *I read it from one page to the next, and over and over again. I sure cannot wait till I get the next number. Every month when the 15th comes I keep watching the mailman for my home companion,* THE LAMP, *and right then and there I sit down and read every page. Maybe some of these days I will be able to take a Life Membership—that is my hope."*

Miss G., Springfield, Ohio: *"I certainly do not want to be without* THE LAMP."

Mrs. L., Philadelphia, Pa.: *"I will renew my subscription for* THE LAMP *and* THE ANTIDOTE. *I am an old woman and poor, but I love to read* THE LAMP."

Mrs. R., Brooklyn, N. Y.: *"I certainly do enjoy reading* THE LAMP."

Miss N., Chicago, Ill.: *"If I discontinued* THE LAMP *I would miss it very much."*

Mrs. O'B., Pawtucket, R. I.: *"I feel that without* THE LAMP *to read, it would be like taking away a dear friend".*

Mary A., Canton, Mass.: *"I could not be without the blessed little magazine,* THE LAMP, *which has brought to me much peace and happiness, especially for the privilege of becoming a Member of the Third Order through reading its pages."*

CASSOCKS AND CLOTHING

We would be grateful if Priest subscribers to THE LAMP would send to Graymoor their cast-off cassocks, as we are sure our Tertiary Sisters could get enough material out of them to make new ones for our students, who are too poor to buy them for themselves.

Cast-off clothing will also be welcome at Graymoor, as we have many poor men to clothe, as well as to feed.

Address packages to the Friars of the Atonement, Graymoor, Garrison, New York.

ANXIOUS TO SEE THE ST. GEORGE'S BURSE GROW

Sister M. Juliana, St. Mary's Hospital, Marquette, Mich: *The enclosed check for $25.00 was given by Mr. H. Kelly, for the St. George Burse for the Germanico in Rome. Am happy to say that I also have another check to send you for the same purpose. Am anxious for the arrival of next month's* LAMP *so as to see how much headway our St. George Burse has made.*

ST. GEORGE'S BURSE ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Ven. Sr. M. J., O. S. F., $25; Sr. M. J., $20; G. N. M., $5; Sr. M. J., $50; Mrs. A. H., $25; Mrs. G. P., $1; Miss I. E., $1; Mrs. G. C. D., $15; Mrs. G. P., $5; G. N. M., $21.50; Mrs. A. H., $15; Mrs. G. S., $1; Mrs. F. W., $1; Mrs. P. F., $2; Miss E. F., $1; Mr. A. F., $2; Miss M. F., $1; Sr. M. J. $20.50; Mrs. C. F., $1; Mrs. E. G., $2; G. N. M., $5. Total, $220.00.

NOTED ZIONIST CATHOLIC CONVERT

Hans Herzl, son of Theodore Herzl, the founder of the Zionist Movement, is a recent convert to the Catholic Church. He was baptized and admitted to the Church by Father Schlessinger, also a Jewish convert to Catholicism.

When the twenty-eighth anniversary of Theodore Herzl's death was celebrated in Vienna last month by Zionists, it was noted that Herzl's children took no part in the demonstration.

THE OBSCURE GREAT

In appreciation of piety and nobility among God's unknown elect, Father Finn wrote lately:

"There are so many lights hidden under a bushel. Many a mountaintop is dark which should be ablaze with the dazzle of noble aspirations and splendid deeds. The white light of publicity which unceasingly beats upon arson and murder and thuggery and theft pales into an ineffectual glimmer upon so many things that are noble and of good report."

A good way to increase our *U. N. B. L.* Membership is to secure Subscribers to THE CANDLE at 25c a year.

U. N. B. L. DEFICIT!

Although there has been an encouraging increase of offerings towards the GENERAL FUND of the *Union-That-Nothing-Be-Lost* during the month of October, a large deficit in the Treasury at the end of the year is inevitable UNLESS a large number of our Faithful Members come to the rescue, or an equally large number of *U. N. B. L.* DELINQUENTS make their Annual Contribution towards the Funds of the *Union* before December 31st.

WHAT ABOUT THE MITE BOXES, ten thousand of which we sent out about Eastertime? It will be a great assistance if returns could be made for the same in support of the General Fund.

Also Liberty Bond coupons and War Savings Stamps would be welcome for the same purpose.

We do not wish to cut down next year on any appropriation that we have made for the Missionaries, who depend upon us to support their Catechists, or maintain their Schools. And yet, if we end the year heavily in debt, the Board of Directors will not be justified in carrying the same obligations next year that they have done this.

MISSIONS INSTEAD OF TOBACCO

Recently we received from A LAMP Reader in Pittsburgh a returned *U. N. B. L.* Mite Box containing Twelve Dollars, and accompanied by the following letter:

"Dear Father: Please have a Novena to Dear Saint Anthony that I will not use tobacco again. It used to cost me one dollar a month, or twelve dollars a year, which I used to spit away for no good. So here comes to the Union-That-Nothing-Be-Lost a Mite Box enclosing Twelve Dollars."

It would be a wonderful help to the Missions if Ten Thousand other tobacco users followed the example of this one. But alas, the appeal of the "filthy weed" is too eloquent. It seems a pity that Catholic men should spend annually for tobacco much more than they contribute to the missions of the Catholic Church, but such is the fact.

A GOOD PREPARATION FOR DEATH

Mrs. Blank, Utica, N. Y.: *"As my life is drawing to a close, I wish to make my future life pleasing to Our Father. God has been good to me on earth, and in leaving this world I wish to return to God a little of what he gave me.*

"So, Father, enclosed please find a money order for Twenty-five Dollars, which I hope will entitle me to a share in the privileges of the Union for Life, together with a Life Subscription to THE LAMP."

A THANKSGIVING FROM ST. JOSEPH'S CONVENT, MATTAKARA, SOUTH INDIA

My Dear Father:

With a heart full of gratitude and sincerest joy I beg to acknowledge receipt of your kind, precious letter of May 31st and the enclosed check for $80.00.

We are unable to express to you and to all our kind benefactors our deep gratitude, so we fall on our knees and name you before God and we ask Him to reward you all a thousand-fold.

In our great distress and difficulties your kindness has come to our aid. If it had not, what would have been our condition here. Our letter published in The Lamp brought us this relief.

We are offering up our Holy Masses heard, our Rosaries, our Litanies, our Novenas and our Stations for our benefactors in America.

Oh, thank you all once again!

Sr. Mary Veronica of the Holy Face.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

A Sister in Religion has written the Editor of THE LAMP as follows:

"Kindly let me know, Reverend Father, of any Mission that is in need of the Stations of the Cross. I will be glad to send on a set we no longer need for our Chapel."

Any mission church desiring to have these Stations will write at once to Sister M. B. in care of THE LAMP.

And must I be giving again and again?
"Oh, no," said the Angel; his glance
pierced me through;
"Just give 'till the Master stops
giving to you."

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S MOTOR CLUB

At the recommendation of one of our Readers who sometime ago gave the initial offering a Motor Club has been organized through THE LAMP, bearing the name of the patron of automobilists, the members of which pledge themselves to contribute annually to the *Union-That-Nothing-Be-Lost* a thank offering for their safety, the same to be used to pay the cost of oil, gas and repairs incurred by missionary priests who use motor cars in visiting their mission stations.

W. M. S., West Sand Lake, N. Y.: *"Recently I read in* THE LAMP *an interesting article about the newly conceived St. Christopher's Club. I am enclosing one dollar in order to enroll myself in the Club, and to place my car under the protection of St. Christopher. I hope that the new Club will meet with success."*

FATHER COLLINS AGAIN APPEALS FOR HIS CHURCH

Dear Readers of The Lamp:

I have sent to the Rev. Father Paul a circular which will express to you more powerfully than I can, the terrible condition which prevails in this Ku Klux town. I am asking Father Paul to publish it together with this appeal.

Read, my friends, and having read, stop and consider that this lecture was the principal attraction in Sour Lake on July the Fourth. Scarcely an American flag floated, but there were many whose enthusiasm waxed warm at the appeal of this defamer of Priests and Nuns.

Could such a spectacle be witnessed in any locality unless bigotry and hate made it possible for American citizens to rejoice in the abuse of their Catholic neighbors?

Well, my friends, time and time again I have told you of the brave fight the Catholics here have made. Forty Catholics with their Pastor have patiently held the fort.

We have not surrendered to the Klan who sought to scare us with their sheets and tar-buckets. They have even tried the lash on a few of our little flock, but we are still here. The little Catholic church is a disgrace and is out-classed by the humble Negro church, but it is not our fault. Where the crust of bread is hard to bite, there cannot be money in abundance, and when the hard earned dollars are gladly given, no complaint can be made against the faith of the people. Where else have we found a more anxious congregation willing to sacrifice all, that they may meet the taunts of the Klan and answer their threats by a new church dedicated to the Mother of God.

For four long years, we have waited, wondered at times where the money of the enemy came from, but always have we hoped to see the day of victory.

In October of 1923, the Editor of the Lamp resolved that by your help our new church would be built. Since then other appeals on our behalf have been made, and as a sign of the Blessed Virgin's approval of the resolution that this Ku Klux stronghold would have a church dedicated to Our Lady of Victory. Not a few very remarkable favors were granted to those who promised to help us if their requests were received through Our Lady of Victory's intercession.

This Autumn must see the realization of our hopes for the old tottering walls of our present church, can scarcely weather another season.

Five thousand dollars will make it possible for us to erect at once the new church of Our Lady of Victory.

And what a victory it will be when the statue of the Mother of God looks down upon those who call themselves Christians but know not in their ignorance that when they oppose the Catholic Church they are opposing Christ himself.

Five thousand dollars from five thousand clients of the Blessed Virgin—surely this must be possible. Will you help? Our Lady calls you to her standard. The battle is on, we must win. Send us your offering at once so that the month of November may witness another victory for Sour Lake, Texas. (The circular referred to is postponed for lack of space.)

And for each and every one who helps, there is Our Lady's blessing and the earnest prayers of this faithful flock who have defied the Klan for love of Holy Church.

Gratefully in Jesus and Mary,

FATHER COLLINS

Address your offering to The Lamp or to me direct at Sour Lake, Texas.

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH AT MUMIAS MUST HAVE A ROOF!

EDITOR'S FOREWORD: *We publish below an interesting letter from Father Coenen, the present Pastor of Mumias in the Uganda missionary district of equatorial Africa.*

LAMP *Readers have been interested in this Mission formany years. In fact, it is one of the very first to which our Readers sent aid in the early days of the Union-That-Nothing-Be-Lost.*

It is to be noted that SIX HUNDRED DOLLARS *are required by Father Coenen to place a roof over the new Church, large enough to accommodate One Thousand worshippers.*

We trust that the publication of this letter will suffice to supply what is needed.

Dear Benefactors:

Through your most valuable and generous assistance our humble endeavours were crowned with the following most tangible results:

Baptisms, 710, adults and infants included.

Converts under immediate preparation for Baptism, 630.

Converts under instruction, 5,800.

Outside chapels, 132.

The upkeep of 148 Christian teachers.

May our good God bless you abundantly in helping us so successfully during the last 6 months and may your indispensable cooperation continue assisting us in the future.

Allow me to put before your most kind and generous consideration our following most necessary wants. With the aid of our own Christians we built a new church ready but for the roof. Our own Christians having no money to contribute, gave us 3 weeks' manual labor freely and gratis. We ourselves teaching them succeeded, through them, to make 220,000 bricks, burned them and built an edifice able to contain 1,000 Christians. But now we stand

before a problem which we, and neither can they solve. We are unable to make corrugated ironsheets and we are unable to teach our people how to make them. To beg I am not ashamed and for the funds necessary to obtain these iron sheets we are depending entirely on your indispensable assistance. The cost will be about $600. Iron sheets we cannot make, neither can we make American dollars, but there are generous souls, rich like gold mines, who know how to help a missionary out of love for God in this most worthy cause.

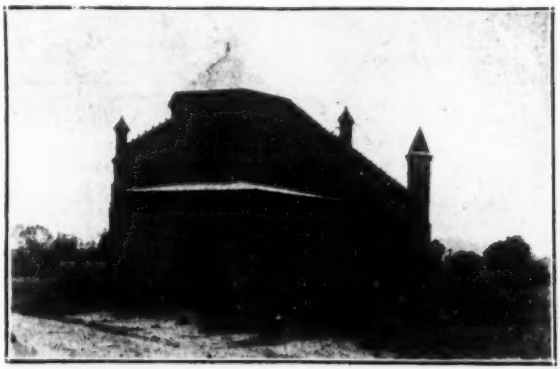
Yours most gratefully,

P. Coenen.

Catholic Mission, Mumias, Kisumu, P. O., B. E. Africa.

THE CONVERSION OF AFRICA

We who enjoy the blessings of the true faith should pray that others may also through their conversion be brought within the fold. The charity and the unselfishness that are part and parcel of the ideal Catholic character should prompt this desire to share with others the great boon that is ours. The general intention for the month of August for the Apostleship of Prayer was the Conversion of Africa, that great vineyard of the Lord where so much remains to be done, where the results, though noticeable and in some way remarkable, are not yet what we would wish them to be.



Marist Church at Nyasaland, Central Africa

To appreciate the significance of this intention we must bear in mind that Africa has some 200,000,000 souls—about one-eighth of the world's population. A little less than half of the natives are Animists, and are most primitive and uncivilized peoples. Of the remaining 100,000,000 over one-half are Mohammedans. The missionaries are laboring against terrific odds in this field. The greatest obstacle is that reared by the fanatical adherents of Mohammedanism. Africa is the field of Moslem propaganda and such is the menace that where they succeed in planting the Crescent there seems to be no room for the Cross. In addition to this, there is the superstition, the darkness, the low civilization, the slavery, the practise of human sacrifices, cannibalism, infanticide and other factors which the missionary must meet and conquer if he is to succeed.

The hope of the future in Africa, however, lies not only in the multiplication of foreign missionaries but in the raising up of a native clergy. The ground must be broken and the virgin soil cultivated by foreigners. But not until a nation has its own priesthood can the Church be said to be founded within its borders. This is the task that confronts the Church. Much has been done—much, much more remains and the most efficacious means for its accomplishment is prayer.

Let us pray first, then, for the multiplication of missionaries, of native priests and sisters; secondly, for those already in the field, that through personal sanctification they may persevere in their holy calling; thirdly, for the infidels, that they may be converted in great numbers; lastly, for the diffusion of the apostolic spirit, living and burning in the hearts of our bishops, priests, brothers, sisters and laity. If our prayers will be fervent, they will be answered and Africa together with other pagan lands will come to know, love, praise, adore and glorify the Sacred Heart of Jesus. All cannot be missionaries. All cannot give alms. All can pray.

AN S. O. S. FROM CENTRAL AFRICA

The Montfort Marist Fathers at Blantyre, Nyasaland, thanks to the charity of Catholics, have succeeded in roofing their so badly wanted church before the starting of the heavy rains of the tropics.

But the enterprise is involved in debt for nearly two hundred pounds sterling. One hundred pounds at least are still required for the completion of the inside work, vaulting, parqueting and furniture.

Will any charitable reader of **The Lamp** come to our help? If so, please send your mite of love and charity to

Superior of the Montfort Catholic Mission
Father M. Rivierre, S. M. M.,
Blantyre, P. O., Nyasaland, Central Africa

Fr. Abraham, a Carmelite Father, Sacred Heart Church, Chengauad, P. O., Ernakulam, So. India, is in great trouble not having the means for several months back wherewith to pay his teachers' salaries. His school is a shed and the government is threatening to close it up unless he builds a properly equipped building. He has nothing with which to begin.

Father Aloysius, parish priest at St. Joseph's, Chingleput, South India, asks help for his Industrial School. He says: "Intelligent boys are sent up for higher education in the local high school, while others learn industrial work in the printing office, carpentry and weaving department which I opened for them recently. This practical and most useful activity is in great danger of closing for lack of funds.

REPORT OF MONEYS DISBURSED BY THE UNION-THAT-NOTHING-BE-LOST DURING SEPTEMBER

Africa

Rt. Rev. J. Biermans, Kampala P. O. Uganda: Catechists, $20. Rt. Rev. A. Declercq, Lulubourg, Congo: M. I., $50. Rt. Rev. G. Grison, Stanleyville, Congo: M. I., $50. Rev. A. Negri, Gulu, Uganda: M. I., $10. Rev. J. B. Pedrana, Lull, Soudan: M. I., $10. Rev. P. Rogan, Kakamega, Uganda: M. I., $10. Dom. S. Van Nuffel, O. S. B., Pietersburg, Transvaal: M. I., $20. Rev. A. de Valette, O. M. Cap.: Laga, Abyssinia: $10. Rev. Mother M. Kevin, O. S. F., Nsyamba, Uganda: alms, $183.

China

Rt. Rev. P. A. Faveau, C. M., Hang Chow: M. I., $50; Catechists, $20; total, $70. Rev. H. Sepieter, C. S. M., Juichowfu: M. I., $15; Catechists, $10; total, $25. Rev. A. Voelling, O. F. M., Tsinanfu: alms, $21.

Europe

Rev. A. Guadagnini, Vienna, Austria: alms, $25. Ven. Sr. M. de Pesseroey, Ghent, $5. Rev. Mother Hildegard, Freiwaldau, Czecho-Slovakia: alms, $10. Ven. Sr. Hildegarde, O. S. B., Carlisle, England: alms, $25. Rev. L. Siemer, O. P., Vechta, Germany: M. I., $30. Rev. H. M. Brinckmann, Rhur Relief Work, $16.50. V. Rev. P. M. Cocalloro, O. F. M., Assisi, Italy: M. I., $100. Rev. Mother C. J. Corsini, Alcamo: alms, $25. Ven. Sr. Josepha, P. C., Civita Castellana: alms, $15; 30 Masses for the U. N. B. L. Members, $30; total, $45. Rt. Rev. I. Papadopulos, Rome: M. I., $30. Rev. A. Rigo, T. O. S. F., Rome: M. I., $100. Rev. Mother C. Reatelli, P. C., Assisi: M. I., $30. Rev. C. Ugolini, O. F. M., Arezzo: M. I., $25. German College, Rome: alms, $102. Rev. A. Martini, O. F. M., Alverna: M. I., $66. Ven. Sr. A. Catoni, P. C., Rome: alms, $5.

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Received for Memberships in the Association: $6.40.

India

Most Rev. A. Kandathil, Ernakulam: alms, $1, M. I., $4; total, $5. Rt. Rev. T. Kurialacherry Changanacherry: M. I., $15. Rev. J. M. Minezes, Manjeshwar: alms, $2. Rt. Rev. P. Perini, S. J., M. I., $50, Catechists, $50; total, $100. Rev. Fr. Stephen, D. C. Ampazhakatt: gifts, $50. Rev. H. Westropp, S. J., Chainpatia: M. I., $15. Rev. Fr. Aranha Bantval: M. I., $10; alms, $7; total, $17. Rev. Mother Mathilda, Palai: alms, $102. Rev. Mother Josepha, Nagpour: alms, $69. Rev. Fr. Barreto, Madras: alms, $6; M. I., $12; total, $18. Rev. Mother M. Anselm, O. S. F., Mikhelpusa: alms, $116.46. Rev. R. Feuga, Mysore: alms, $24.45. Rev. J. J. Lay, S. J., Trichinopoli: alms, $34, M. I., $1; total, $35.

Japan

Rt. Rev. J. B. Castanier, Osaka: M. I., $100. V. Rev. S. Kinold, O. F. M., Sapporo: M. I., $250. Rev. F. Sanchez, Taichu, Formosa: M. I., $15.

Medical Mission Branch

Ven. Sr. Raymond, Holy Childhood Orphanage, Pekin: $50. Sr. M. Bernardine, Mission of St. Sebastian, Chetoo: $15.25. Ven. Sr. Gertrude, St. Vincent's Hospital, Kiou Kiang, $40. Ven. Sr. Gilbert, St. Joseph's Hosp., Ning-Po: $10. Ven. Sr. Levallois, Kashing Orphanage: $52. Ven. Sr. Xavier, Chusan: $50.

Near East and Asia Minor

Rt. Rev. G. Calavassy, Constantinople and Athens: Mass Int., $343; alms, $768.41; total, $1,112.41. Rev. J. E. Cote, Damas, Syria: M. I., $20. Most Rev. C. Khouri, Tyre, Syria: M. I., $25. V. Rev. M. Mighirian, for the Armenian Patriarch: M. I., $25. Rev. J. Naayem, Chaldean Relief Work: M. I., $13; alms, $3; total, $16. Most Rev. M. Saigh, Tyre-Liban: M. I., $25. V. Rev. N. Vuccino, Constantinople: M. I., $25.

The Philippine Islands

Rev. G. Aldenhuysen, Pasig-Rizal: School, $25; M. I., $25; total: $50. Rev. H. David, Tagudin: M. I., $100; alms, $15.52; total, $115.52. Rev. P. Hubans, Rizal: School, $10, M. I., $15; total, $25. Rev. J. Puttemans, alms, $25.

Miscellaneous Missions

Foreign: Rt. Rev. J. Aerts, Kei Islands, D. E. I.: M. I., $25. Rt. Rev. A. Bahlman, O. F. M., Santarem, Brazil: M. I., $25. Rev. P. Biliain, Port de Paix, Haiti: M. I., $30. Rt. Rev. D. Comin, Gualaguiza, Ecuador: M. I., $25. Rev. P. Foelle, O. F. M., Santarem, Brazil: M. I., $15. Rev. Fr. Francis, O. M. I., Mannar, Ceylon: M. I., $15. Rev. L. Larose, O. M. I., St. Albert, Alta.: M. I., $15. Rev. C. Ferrand, Taikou, Korea: Catechists, $21, M. I., $15; total, $36. Rt. Rev. A. Nicolescu, Lugoj, Romania: M. I., $35. Rev. S. G. Prakasar, Jaffa, Ceylon: M. I., $15. Rev. R. Schulte, Waterskyde, Holland: M. I., $25. Rev. N. Teefelen, O. P., St. Martin, Guadeloupe: M. I., $10. Rt. Rev. M. G. Vuylsteke, O. P., Curacao: M. I., $100. Rt. Rev. J. T. O. Zabalza, O. M. Cap., Marian Isl.: M. I., $25. Rev. Fr. Bonaventure, O. F. M., Quebec, Canada: M. I., $15. Rt. Rev. E. Coppo, Broome, Australia: M. I., $10. Rev. E. J. Wade, Buka Passage, Oceanica: M. I., $10.

Domestic: Rev. J. A. C., $50. Rev. M. F. Collins, Sour Lake, Tex.: Alms, $21. Rt. Rev. J. R. Crimont, S. J., Juneau, Alaska: M. I., $5; alms, $137; total, $142. Rev. Fr. Salvator, S. A., Hereford, Tex.: for school: $5. Rt. Rev. H. J. R. da Silva, D. D., N. Y. City: $25. Rev. J. Treca, S. J., Juneau, Alaska: alms, $7.

Masses Distributed in the U. S. A.

Rev. M. B. A., $15. Rev. F. A., $15. Rev. Jose C., $30. Rev. J. A. C., $30. Rev. P. J. C., $25. Rev. F. C., $15. Rev. H. A. C., $61. Rev. V. G., $25. Rev. R. J. H., $30. Rev. O. L., $15. Rev. P. M., $25. S. A. Fathers, $101.50. Rev. P. T., $20. Rev. H. T., $15. Rev. R. W., $35. **Total:** $457.50.

Total Disbursements: $4,878.39.

WHILE LOVE LIVES IT GIVES

"Love ever gives,
Outlives,
Forgives,
And ever stands
With open hands.
For while Love lives
It gives,
For this is Love's prerogative
To give, and give, and give."

A subscription to THE CANDLE (25c a year) includes membership in the U. N. B. L. and is an effective means of adding to the membership of our Missionary union.

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FIRST CHURCH OF THE LITTLE FLOWER ON EARTH

A Letter From Washington Retreat House

Very Rev. and dear Father:

I thank you most sincerely for your great charity in announcing so frequently and with such expressive words the Mt. Carmel Retreat House and the Novena of the Little Flower in the same place. God will reward you with the hundred-fold.

I noticed in THE LAMP *a little chapel dedicated to the Little Flower in India, and I thought you may like to know and perhaps also to publish in your admirable* LAMP *the* FIRST CHURCH OF THE LITTLE FLOWER ON EARTH, *built by Discalced Carmelite Missionaries of Quilon, South India. The building was started before the Beatification of the Little Flower with special Apostolic Indult. I am sending you by separate mail a photograph of the said Church. You can make a cut and publish in* THE LAMP.

With my best regards and in union of prayers,

Yours sincerely,

FR. PASCHASIUS HERIZ, O. C. D.

First Church of "The Little Flower" on Earth—Built in Eungambaram, Quilon, South India, by Discalced Carmelites, and Started Before Her Beatification

The Little Flower bore not only the name of her Carmelite Mother Saint Teresa of Jesus but she also received at her baptism the name of Francis, the Seraphic Saint to whom in union with St. Clare, the older Teresa had such a marked devotion.

MONTHLY NOVENA TO THE LITTLE FLOWER AT MT. CARMEL RETREAT HOUSE, WASHINGTON

Address All Communications to the Sisters of the Atonement,

Mt. Carmel Retreat House,
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A New Novena begins each month on the 22nd. Our Readers are recommended to patronize this Novena not only because the Little Flower has proven herself very gracious to those so doing, but because the Carmelite Fathers of Washington need your help to pay off the debt of $200,000 resting on the Retreat House.

PUBLISHED BY REQUEST

L. M. C., Rochester, N. Y.: *"Will you kindly publish the following in your magazine, and have a Mass of thanksgiving offered?*

"The facts briefly are as follows: A young lady who had been afflicted with Arthritis for a number of years caught a cold and developed a peculiar ailment which first took the form of a rash, and later developed into a mass of blisters and sores which covered her body from head to foot, the blisters (some of which were as large as silver dollars) breaking and causing her the greatest discomfort, and finally developing internally so that the doctors said she could not possibly recover.

"When I returned to my home, after visiting her, I found that my family had, in my absence, received a first class relic of The Little Flower (a piece of the arm bone) with the authentication from Rome, so I returned to the sanitarium where this young lady is a patient, taking the relic with me and asked to have the priest bring Holy Communion and apply the relic.

This was on Thursday, June 26th. On Saturday the priest came and brought her Communion and applied the Relic. On the next day, June 29th, her sister wrote me saying there was such a decided improvement that she was leaving for home that night.

"I saw this young lady again on August 4th, and could hardly believe the change in her. Her skin had entirely cleared with the exception of a few blisters, and she had had only one slight spell of nausea."

"Grateful Client: *"Please find enclosed check for five dollars. Quite some time ago a doctor pronounced me in danger of a dread and nearly always fatal disease, and advised an operation. I promised to send five dollars in honor of the Little Flower, to be used in Alaska as you see fit, and promised publication in* THE LAMP *if upon examination another doctor should pronounce me not in danger of this disease. My wish was granted. I was found to be in no danger whatever of this disease, and an operation was also avoided. Thanks to the Little Flower."*

MRS. M. L., Halifax, N. S.: *"I am enclosing herewith fifteen dollars to be used for the benefit of the Little Flower's Alaskan Missions. Through her intercession this money was returned after having been paid out for what afterwards proved to be an unfortunate venture."*

Greek Page

MSGR. BARRY-DOYLE IN CONNECTICUT

At the invitation of Rt. Rev. John J. Nilan, D. D., Bishop of Hartford, Msgr. Barry-Doyle spent the month of October in Connecticut. The first important lecture of his campaign was held in Waterbury on Sunday night, October 12th at Buckingham Hall, the largest auditorium in "the Brass City."

From a long description of the lecture published in the leading daily newspaper of Waterbury, we cull the following extracts:

"Monsignor Richard Barry-Doyle presented to the people of Waterbury last evening at Buckingham Hall his spectacular 'Call of the East.' It is one of those stories of starving, pitiful people, children especially, and had all the thrills, to quote Msgr. Barry-Doyle, of a sensational moving picture, the only difference being that the story called 'The Call of the East' is truth, not fiction.

"The speaker was introduced by the honorable mayor of the city, Francis P. Guilfoile. The guard of honor for the soldier-priest was Edward J. O'Hearn, one of the first Connecticut men to volunteer for overseas secretarial work for the Knights of Columbus. Mr. O'Hearn in recognition of his services as a K. of C. secretary was sent to Rome at the close of the war.

"Also seated on the stage were Rev. William McGurk, pastor of the Immaculate Conception Church, and Rev. Edward Brennan, of St. Margaret's Church, whose guest the speaker has been since coming to this city almost two weeks ago.

"Msgr. Barry-Doyle has been besieged with invitations to speak here and there in this city since his arrival, and everywhere he has been listened to with the greatest amount of interest, because the story he had to tell was one that could not help but elicit the sympathy of all who heard him.

"Previous to his talk last night, there was a musical program, consisting of organ numbers by Professor Frederick Marmon, organist at the Immaculate Conception Church, a vocal number, 'The Year's at the Spring,' by Miss Sadi Wolff, vocal selection by Mr. O'Rourke, and violin selections by Miss Ella Doran.

The mission of the domestic prelate, his life story, and his experiences on the battlefields of Europe, have all been told before through the newspaper columns, in the schools, and on the pulpit. Those who were not familiar with his story went to Buckingham Hall last night to listen to Msgr. Barry-Doyle's story related and expanded in detail, and given in the most beautiful English and perfect enunciation that has perhaps ever been heard in this city. This speaker does not merely say a lot of words; like the artist who sings, he makes use of all his powers of oratory and elocutionary ability in words; words that tell you something, and words that will remain in your memory. Along with telling an accurate story, he aims at perfection in speech, as the singer aims at perfection in his vocal tones."

The *Catholic Near East Welfare Association* is now well known throughout the length and breadth of Connecticut, and no doubt through this organization many permanent supporters of the Catholic Near East will be secured in the Nutmeg State for the glorious work that is being done by Bishop Calavassy, and other holy men, in winning back to Catholic Unity the millions of the Oriental Schism.

School in Refugee Camp at Beirut—the "seed wheat" of the next Near East harvest—the antidote to ignorance, hate, hardship and Neglect.
Courtesy of the New Near East

LITTLE FLOWER CRUSADERS

—This is the name given by Monsignor Barry-Doyle to those who assist him in his Catholic Near East Work. It is the organization which has taken the place of Bishop Calavassy's *Constantinople Bread League* and we would be ever so grateful if former members of that League would continue their annual donation as Little Flower Crusaders. For this purpose your contributions may be sent direct to THE LAMP and will be duly acknowledged.

SOVIET DIVORCES IN 5 MINUTES FOR $1.50

Soviet Russia offers far more advantages to persons seeking easy and quick divorce than perhaps any place in the world. Under a new decree a divorce can be obtained within five minutes at a cost of $1.50, provided both parties agree to the dissolution of the marriage ties. If, however, one party objects to dissolution, the case must be referred to the courts, which will decide the question on its merits.

Misconduct does not constitute a valid reason for the annulment of martial ties, but desertion, religious superstition, excessive religious piety, incompatibility of temperament and divergence in political views are held to be sufficient causes. No Russian may obtain a divorce and remarry more than three times within one year. Such are the fruits of materialism!

WHAT IS THE HOLY CHILDHOOD ASSOCIATION

The Holy Childhood Association (of which the U. N. B. L. is a Branch) is a world-wide Society of Catholic children, whose object is the ransom, education and support of pagan children everywhere.

Dues for each member are twelve cents a year.

Infants and children of all ages are eligible, both living and dead.

Benefits of membership are many Masses, prayers and indulgences. Apply for membership to Mrs. Helen Fletcher, Mena, Ark.

AUNT HELEN'S LETTER

My dear Boys and Girls: Do you ever stop to think how many, many Masses, good works and prayers are offered up during the month of November for the Holy Souls? More perhaps, than during the other months of the year put together. We know, of course, that the souls of all who die are not numbered among the "Holy Souls," but those only, who during this life on earth were "born of water and the Holy Ghost" and die in the friendship of God. How consoling is the hope that our own loved ones were welcomed Home by The Sacred Heart, when they appeared before Him with the indelible character in their soul imprinted by the sacrament of Baptism. But it saddens us to remember that thousands leave this life every day, to whom the gates of heaven must remain forever closed, in spite of the tireless efforts of our missionaries who are daily performing real miracles with the limited means at their command.

However, much is being done from many sources to help the missions and the Holy Childhood Association is working hard to save the pagan children. What a wonderful privilege to be able to open heaven's door for even one soul! How we wish we could save them all!

But God will say we have done well if we do the best we can and this is what we are determined to do.

Donations sent in by H. C. A. members and other friends of the Chinese babies have made it possible for the missionary Sisters to rescue hundreds of little waifs from a life of suffering and neglect, to be turned back to health or sent to heaven to be companions of the angels.

The holidays will soon be here and we are counting on the prayers and assistance of every promoter, member and friend of the H. C. A. in making the Christmas of 1924 a very happy one for the good Sisters in charge of the orphanages and many homeless little castaways. All donations for Chinese babies to Jan. 1st, 1925, will be counted in the total for 1924.

Faithfully,

AUNT HELEN.

Mrs. P. A. W., Tobyhanna, Pa.: *"Enclosed please find eleven dollars—ten dollars for two babies which my children want called Margaret Mary and Joseph Anthony. The dollar is to enroll my five children in the H. C. A., namely Mary, Joseph, Raphael, Patrick and Daniel Whelan. Please send a mite box."*

Miss L. R., Scranton, Pa.: *"I am sending five dollars for a Chinese baby for St. Anthony's birthday, to be called Mary. Please pray that St. Anthony will help me find a home and some of the things I am looking for and I will not forget my promise to him."*

Mrs. E. A. L., Rochester, N. Y.: *"Enclosed find money order for five dollars for a Chinese baby to be named Marie Anne according to promise made, if a certain favor was received."*

Mrs. M. C., Mt. Carmel, Pa.: *"I am enclosing five dollars for a Chinese baby, to be named Joseph, in honor of St. Joseph. Edward saved three dollars and Mary Edith two dollars, so the baby belongs to them. We will try and save to buy some more babies."*

Mrs. L. L., Chicago, Ill.: *"I am sending five dollars for a Chinese baby to be called Mary and also one dollar to enroll my two year old daughter in the H. C. A."*

OVER 110 MILES

That's the length of our supply of 1924 Christmas Seals. You know each seal is an inch wide and there are 63,360 inches to a mile. If placed side by side in single file our 7,000,000 seals would form a line over 110 miles long.

To sell 7,000,000 seals at a penny apiece, that's the task before the Association if we want to go over the top again and win fresh laurels.

Lamp Readers please order direct from National office of the Holy Childhood.

Address:

Box 1002, Pittsburgh, Pa.

PURCHASERS OF CHINESE BABIES

The following offerings for Chinese babies have been received during the past month: From a most generous benefactor in Alhambra, Calif., a donation of one hundred dollars has been received, the same to be applied to the Chinese babies. Mrs. E. A. L., Rochester, N. Y., $5.00 for a baby to be named Marie Anne. Miss A. P., Maryland, $5.00 for baby to be named in honor of Brother John Philip Reid. Mrs. A. W., Schenectady, N. Y., $5.00 for Mary Rose. Mrs. M. F., Meyersdale, Pa., $5.00 for Anthony. Mrs. H. G., $5.00 for Rita Theresa. Miss L. R., $5.00 for Mary. B. McL., N. Y. C., $5.00, for Margaret Mary. Mrs. P. A. W., Tobyhanna, Pa., $10.00 for Margaret Mary and Joseph Anthony. Mrs. G. J., Ottawa, Canada, $5.00 for Margaret Mary. Mr. and Mrs. M. M., Avis, Pa., $2.00 to be applied to the H. C. A. Miss C. M. C., Fayville, Mass., $5.00 for Josephine. Miss A. N. Decatur, Ind., $5.00 for Mary Ann. Miss A. N., Indiana, $5.00 for Mary Ann; Mrs. E. A. L., New York, $5.00 for Mary Loretta; Miss M. E. D., New York City, $5.00 for Chinese baby; Mrs. L. W., Pennsylvania, $5.00 for Rose Mary; Mr. and Mrs. J. R., New York, $10.00 for Martin Joseph and Mary Agnes; Miss J. V. R., Pennsylvania, $10.00 for Rita and Joseph; Mrs. D. C., New York, $5.00 for Helen Elizabeth; Miss E. McG., R. I., $5.00 for Mary; Miss K. B., Ontario, $5.00 for Chinese baby; Miss K. T., Ohio, $5.00 for Bernardina Friedrica; Miss G. M., N. J., $5.00 for Grace Jean; Mrs. J. D., Indiana, $5.00 for Anthony; Mrs. J. A. C., Kansas, $5.00 for John Joseph; Mrs. M. G., Kentucky, $5.00 for Chinese baby; M. C., Illinois, $5.00 for Margaret Mary. (Acknowledgment could not be made of last named, as full name and address were not sent.)

M. G., Kentucky: *"I am enclosing five dollars for my second Chinese baby. It is a thanksgiving offering. In time I hope to have by right of purchase a large family of Chinese babies."*

Mrs. J. A. C., Kansas: *"I am enclosing five dollars for a Chinese baby boy to be named John Joseph, after my own baby, thirteen months old. Call him Jack, as my baby is called that. Jack was very sick in June and I promised to buy a Chinese baby if he would get well. He began to get better right away. I will also send fifty cents membership dues for my four children. Robert, my ten year old boy, is saving his pennies to buy a Chinese baby."*

Miss J. V. R., Pennsylvania: *"In fulfillment of a promise made to St. Anthony if he would obtain for me a favor I very much desired, I enclose herewith a money order for ten dollars with which to purchase the Chinese babies. I request that they be named Rita and Joseph."*

MISS LETTY'S MIRACLE

By Margaret Meredith

For a number of years Miss Letitia Connors had zealously promoted the mission cause in St. Martin's parish. Perseverance, plus prayer and tact had brought their own reward, and in time Miss Connors' membership list contained the names of quite a number of Catholics, who did not consider five cents a month an unreasonable sum to contribute for the spread of the Gospel in pagan lands.

That her best friend, Miss Harriet Branscombe, maintained a stonily hostile attitude toward Catholic foreign missions, despite frequent and eloquent appeals in their behalf, grieved Miss Connors deeply. Oftentimes, when she would attempt to depict the poverty of the missionaries, or relate some unusually touching incident culled from a mission magazine, she would be interrupted testily, almost rudely, by Miss Branscombe.

"Letty Connors," Miss Branscombe would interpose irritably, "you're just a plain simpleton. Haven't you got enough to do to keep bread in your own mouth, without wasting time on those ignorant, graceless pagans?"

"But my dear," Miss Connors would counter mildly, "they have a soul—our Lord loves them—"

"I don't believe a word of it. How can a Being infinitely pure love such creatures, many of them fairly eaten up by goodness knows what hideous diseases—"

"O, but my dear, we are not seeking physical perfection—it's the soul we must consider, the soul that could be made white and beautiful—"

"Fiddlesticks," Miss Branscombe would snort impatiently, "I, for one, refuse to be taken in by such silly chatter. Do you mean to tell me that God has the same love for these barbarians that He has for decent Christians, who go to Mass, help support the Church, and—"

"You forget Hattie, that these poor pagans have never had a chance—the Gospel has never been preached to them because we Catholics don't—"

"Tut, tut, that's old stuff," Miss Branscombe would parry shortly, "if God loved these wild men as you say He does, He could convert them by His grace alone, without the needless sacrifice of Priests and Sisters, who would find plenty to do right here at home, goodness knows."

Miss Connors' refutation seemed long in coming. There was a far-away look in her earnest blue eyes and unconsciously she clasped her thin hands as if in prayer.

Miss Branscombe eyed her friend maliciously, an exultant smile twisting her thin lips. Apparently, the militant advocate of Catholic foreign missions had met her Waterloo at last.

"You are right, Hattie," Miss Connors said at length, slowly and reverently. "He could convert the pagans by His grace alone—and—have you ever thought of it, Hattie?—He could have redeemed the world without Gethsemane and Calvary, but—He didn't."

Miss Branscombe's smile faded and for once her ready tongue found no answer.

The friendship between Miss Branscombe and Miss Connors had endured since their school days at Mt. St. Mary's in the early sixties, despite temperamental unlikeness and the barrier of social position. There was little difference in their ages, though always well groomed and handsomely clad, Miss Branscombe appeared much the younger of the two. This advantage, however—if it may be called one—was purely external, for while Miss Branscombe, notwithstanding her luxurious surroundings, seemed to revel in life's shadows and discords, in the simple, childlike heart of Miss Letitia Connors it was perpetual spring.

Though a cripple from childhood, Miss Connors had been the sole support of an invalid mother, until she was well past middle age.

A tragic disappointment in her youth had soured Miss Branscombe's disposition, but she was generous by nature and felt a real affection for her old friend. She had often wished to settle an annuity upon her, amply sufficient for her simple wants, but this was not in accordance with Miss Connors' idea of going through life.

"My dear Hattie," she would say with a note in her thin voice that left no room for argument, "I thought you knew me better. I have two good eyes and two sound hands, thank God, and barring a mountain peak, my crooked foot will carry me wherever I wish to go. No, indeed, the life of an idle dependent would never suit Letitia Connors."

Miss Connors' domicile, which stood almost in the shadow of the wide-boughed elm trees that flanked the driveway leading to the Branscombe mansion, was tiny like herself. And the little nest resembled its owner in yet another particular—it was weatherbeaten. The once white paint clung to the weatherboards in dingy patches.

The frail posts of the front portico, which was barely wide enough to accommodate Miss Connors' two sitting room rockers safely, were encircled by morning glories of many colors. In fine weather, when the sun's first rays turned the dewdrops in the morning glory chalices to liquid jewels, Miss Connors loved to spend a half hour there in meditation. Unafraid of the gentle mistress of the house, the birds would fly in and out between the vines, chirping their gratitude for the breakfast of crumbs she never failed to spread for them.

"It's the very best time for meditation—in fact, the only time for me," she told her friend, Miss Branscombe, one day, "then one's mind is fresh and the world seems so new and beautiful and—and still, as if it had just come from the hands of the Creator."

"Piffle," sniffed Miss Branscombe, sarcastically, "that's when I sleep the soundest—the early morning hours. It's a mystery to me, Letty Connors where you get the physical endurance to rise as you do at 5:30 every morning and hobble to church on an empty stomach."

"But my dear, I don't hobble on my stomach at all," laughed Miss Connors, her blue eyes twinkling merrily.

Miss Branscombe frowned her disapproval of her friend's mild humor and retorted unamiably.

"It's high time you were taking life seriously, Letty Connors, but I don't believe you ever will."

In the midst of the somber richness of the other furnishings, the sewing room in the Branscombe home, stood out like a patch of sunlight on a bleak, wintry landscape. Its location as well as the appointments, had been left entirely to Miss Connors' cheerful taste. Done in pale ecru, with curtains of dainty, floral bordered scrim, the sunny little alcove room on the first floor was bright without being glaringly so. A reed table, a few chairs with tufted cretonne in soft colors and a pretty rug completed the furnishings. A statuette of the Sacred Heart (without which Miss Connors declared she could never feel 'just right') occupied a corner bracket with a bowl of flowers, which Miss Conners deftly and lovingly replenished from time to time.

Miss Branscombe detested machine work, so there was no sewing machine, and lacking this characteristic adjunct, the atmosphere of the cozy room became more intimate, more like a pleasant rendezvous for friendly conversation—and this it really was.

Miss Connors insisted in receiving no more than the customary wage of an expert seamstress, but aside from this businesslike understanding with her hostess, her position in the Branscombe home was that of a loved and trusted friend.

Miss Connors spent at least two days each week at the Branscombe home doing fine needlework and embroidery. Chest after chest had been filled with the daintiest of dainty lingerie, as if Miss Branscombe expected to live forever.

Sometimes Miss Connors would stop her work and glance at her friend with affectionate reproach.

"Don't you think I'm smart enough to know that all this finery you're storing away, is just a scheme to gratify your determination to pay me that annuity—vicariously?" she would say, to which Miss Branscombe would reply, grimly.

"There's another reason, Letty. When your time's paid for you have to put up with my company whether you want to or not."

Then Miss Connors would shake a needle-pricked finger at her friend and cackle delightedly.

"Hattie Branscombe, if you don't stop saying ugly things about the best friend I've got, I'll retaliate by talking about the missions. That re-

minds me, there's a poor priest in Alaska— my namesake, by the way, begging—"

"By this time you ought to know the futility of wasting words on that subject," Miss Branscombe would interrupt, sourly, "nothing short of a miracle will ever induce me to give a dollar for such rank nonsense."

"Dear, dear," little Miss Letty would sigh, discouraged but not silenced, "as much as you give to charity, it does seem like the missions should get their quota. That poor missionary in Alaska, Fr. Connors, is begging for fifty dollars for an altar for his tiny chapel. Honestly, Hattie, if I could send him that amount I'd feel I hadn't lived in vain."

The last words were addressed to an empty chair, Miss Branscombe had fled.

When St. Martin's deep-toned bell pealed forth the Angelus one afternoon in late fall, Miss Connors rose stiffly from her low sewing chair and with bowed head and folded hands recited devoutly the Angelical Salutation. Then she placed her work, neatly folded, in the sewing basket that stood on the nearby table. Beside the basket lay Miss Branscombe's handbag, a beautiful article fashioned of purple and black brocade, with a fine thread of silver showing through here and there. Handles of heavy black silk cord and rich tassels supplied the necessary decorative note. From the day she had first seen Miss Branscombe use the bag, Miss Connors had admired the unique design and harmonious combination of colors, and more than once had she accused herself of covetousness because of it.

Then when Christmas came, what should she find on the parish Christmas tree, but a package addressed to herself, which contained a handbag—not quite the same, but remarkably similar to the one on the table.

Miss Connors recalled with an odd little smile, how she had scolded herself when she opened the package. Of course, she guessed at once where it came from. No one but Harriet Branscombe could have read her thoughts like that.

Everything in order, Miss Connors went out, closing the door after her and took a short cut through the driveway to her home.

The following afternoon which was Saturday—both Miss Branscombe and Miss Connors knelt in a rear pew in St. Martin's church, awaiting their turn to enter the confessional. Miss Connors went first and after finishing her prayers left rather hurriedly, as it was growing late and the usual chores must be attended to before dark.

When the Branscombe sedan swung up the driveway and stopped under the porte-cochere, lights were already burning. In spite of her seventy odd years Miss Branscombe stepped from the car and ascended the stairway which led to the massive entrance, unassisted. She went directly to her room where tea was served by an immaculate maid. When the maid had disappeared with the tray, Miss Branscombe drew a big easy chair close to the blazing fire and with a sigh of relief, sank into its comfortable depths. To Miss Branscombe, going to confession was like taking a dose of bad medicine.

Well, thank goodness, it was over—the bad dose, but her penance—the Sorrowful Mysteries—must still be performed. Leaning back in the soothing embrace of her tufted chair, Miss Branscombe mechanically opened the black and purple handbag and drew out a rosary—but not the one she had expected to find there. She adjusted her tortoise shell eyeglasses, examined the bag carefully—and smiled. It was simple enough. She and Letitia had knelt side by side at church and in her haste Letitia had picked up the wrong bag.

Still holding the rosary in one hand, Miss Branscombe fingered the handbag absentmindedly with the other. The rustle of a paper inside attracted her attention. Through the purple and black brocade it felt like a letter.

A letter? The thought seemed to amuse Miss Branscombe, for her smile broadened and for the moment her penance was forgotten.

If Letty Connors had a correspondent in the whole world, she'd never heard of it. No, it couldn't be a letter. Miss Branscombe pondered a moment, readjusting her glasses thoughtfully. Was curiosity a sin, a serious sin? Most assuredly she had no desire to go to confession again in the morning—once every two or three months was often enough, even if that foolish little Letty Connors did go every week.

Through the heavy brocade the paper in the handbag crackled temptingly.

Undoubtedly, it was a letter! A letter from whom? There could be no possible harm in examining the postmark and superscription—

Suiting the action to the thought, Miss Branscombe's slender, aristocratic fingers pulled the paper out slowly and held it up.

Dear me, it wasn't a letter after all, but only a memorandum of some kind. Miss Branscombe hardly knew if she felt vexed or relieved. On closer scrutiny it proved to be a list of names—familiar names—and then the truth dawned upon her! It was some of that mission stuff on which Letitia Conners frittered away so much of her precious time.

Through a number of the names a line had been drawn with a shaky pencil. No doubt these were the sensible ones like herself, who steadfastly turned a deaf ear to everything that savored of Catholic missions.

Yes, her name was there too, Harriet Branscombe—but strange to say it had not been canceled. Several words had been scribbled after the name with the same shaky pencil. Curiously, Miss Branscombe held the paper closer to the light and read, "dear Lord, soften her heart."

What Miss Branscombe would have thought or done will never be known, for at that moment the doorbell rang and Miss Connor's familiar, uneven step was heard in the hallway.

Miss Branscombe had barely time to thrust ro-

sary and paper into the bag and assume a careless attitude, when a quick succession of taps sounded on the door, and hardly waiting for permission to enter, Miss Connors fairly burst into the room. On her arm hung a purple and black handbag by a silken cord, and in her right hand she flourished a fifty dollar bill.

"O, Hattie," she cried rapturously, "it seems like a miracle—fifty dollars for that poor priest in Alaska, I know it is. You must have slipped it in my handbag when I was in the confessional. O, Hattie, if you only knew how I've prayed that our Lord would soften your heart and make you understand. And you'll be repaid, you'll be repaid a thousand times by all the Masses and prayers you'll share in."

Miss Connors paused for want of breath. Her gaze fixed on the fire, Miss Branscombe had made no effort to stem the tide of her friend's eloquence. With great deliberation she turned her head and said dryly.

"I don't see anything miraculous in your walking off with my handbag, Letty Connors."

Miss Connors face was a study as she gasped in horrified, incredulous dismay. Gingerly she removed the bag that had dangled so joyously from her arm, examined it a moment with trembling fingers, then dropped bag and money on the table with a stammered apology.

"I—I hope you're n-o-t angry, Harriet," she said miserably, "I—I was in a hurry and must have picked up the wrong one. When I stuck my hand in the bag and drew out the bill—it was right on top, you know—I didn't stop for anything. I just had to run right over and—and tell you how h-a-p-p-y I was."

With a quizzical, yet softened expression in her dark eyes, Miss Branscombe came over by the table and placed one arm about her old friend's stooped shoulders.

"Letty Connors," she said with feigned harshness, "I still think you're a goose, and I'm not a mission fan—yet, don't think it; but if that fifty dollars will make your missionary half as happy as it did you, for goodness' sake send it to him."

Slipping the bill into Miss Connors handbag, Miss Branscombe pressed the bag between Miss Connors hands.

Miss Letitia had regained her composure to some extent. A tremulous, shadowy little smile flitted across her wrinkled lips and before Miss Branscombe could prevent it, she had kissed a slim, aristocratic hand.

"After all, Hattie," she murmured happily, "it does seem like a miracle, now doesn't it?"

Diogenes held high his lantern and peered eagerly into the quiet, confident face of the man before him. "So you're the honest man. Well! well! Shake! And how many miles a gallon do you get on your Ford?"

"Thirty!"

Diogenes passed wearily on. Like all the others this man had failed in the supreme test.—Judge.

AN APPEAL FOR THE DYING

EDITOR'S NOTE: *We are publishing by special request the following* APPEAL FOR THE DYING. *You will note that its author, Father Ferland, whose address is 328 - 13th Ave., Spokane, Washington, will supply* GRATIS *"Prayers for the Dying. These are printed on a small pink leaflet that could be conveniently inserted in your prayer book.*

As many of our Readers will no doubt avail themselves of this invitation, we hope that sufficient contributions will accompany the requests to cover the cost not only of the leaflets you order, but of others that may be broadcasted elsewhere.

We have chosen November, the month of All Souls to publish this appeal, a most fitting time.

The writer of these lines has for the last four years made special efforts to place where they will do the most good, leaflets with prayers for the Dying, duly approved by ecclesiastical authorities. This little Crusade in favor of the poor dying has met with the approval of several Bishops and Archbishops. It has been favored with the earnest cooperation of hundreds of priests, Religious and lay people. One million two hundred thousand leaflets have already been distributed. The leaflets are sent GRATIS in quantities of fifty or more. Stamps to cover postage are gratefully accepted, but this is not an obligation.

The necessity and importance of praying for the dying will be better understood by drawing a comparison to show the vast number of deaths in a limited time. The great war lasted four years, three months and eleven days. Official estimates give the number of deaths as follows: 7,782,000 military and 9,186,000 civilians. Total 16,968,000 deaths. A huge figure, the world was stunned by the loss of so many lives and by so much suffering, yet how insignificant are these figures compared with 185,000,000 souls which Death sent into eternity within that same period. Statisticians say an average of 120,000 persons die in a day, 83 a minute, and 43,200,000 a year. In that immense multitude how many are lost and how many are saved. That is God's secret, but if we are to judge by the few who by holy lives, prepare themselves for a happy death, alas! it to be feared, vast is the number of those, who approach death in the state of mortal sin. WHAT HAVE WE DONE TO THIS DAY TO KEEP HELL FROM BEING FILLED WITH REPROBATES? Do we love God and our neighbor? Do we love Jesus? If we do, can we leave the field to the demons unhampered and unthwarted to drag into Hell the souls for whom Christ died? They are the price of His blood. Shall we hesitate to come to their rescue by prayer and other good works to save them from eternal doom? Every day, an average of 120,000 of these precious souls are trembling in the balance between endless joys and endless misery. Hell does not sleep or hesitate, but with all its crafty powers is seeking their ruin. Shall we be less interested in their salvation than Hell is in their damnation? Time is pressing. Time is writing the last page in their lives. The fateful hour has come which will decide an eternity. Tomorrow it will be too late to pray for the dying of today. The Sacred Heart is

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St. Francis and His Seraphic Family

HOW THE SEVENTH CENTENARY OF THE STIGMATIZATION OF ST. FRANCIS WAS CELEBRATED ON MT. ALVERNIA

By Frater Patrick M. Crowley, O. F. M.

Editor's Foreword: *The story of the Stigmatization of St. Francis which was begun as a serial in the October* Lamp *is suspended for this issue in order that we may publish an account straight from Mount Alvernia of the Celebration of the Seven Hundredth Anniversary of St. Francis receiving the Stigmata.*

This description was written by a young American Friar, a Cleric of the Order of Friars Minor, who had the happiness of being present during this eventful time, and who has sent us the account at the request of the Father Guardian.

It was the hope of the Editor of The Lamp *a year ago that he might personally be present on the Holy Mountain of the Stigmata from September 14th to 17th. But pressing matters at home prevented our going. It is now our hopeful anticipation that we may be permitted to be present at Assisi in October, 1925, to join with other members of the Franciscan Family in celebrating the Seven Hundredth Anniversary of the Death of the Seraphic Patriarch.*

During the summer on Mount Alvernia the Seven Hundredth Anniversary of the impression of the Stigmata of St. Francis was celebrated. The termination of the celebration was held during the three days, Sept. 14 to 17. Before giving an account of these it may be well to give some idea of the mountain and a brief description of the points of interest.

Mount La Verna

Alvernia has become famous because of its connection with St. Francis, especially as the place of the Impression of the Stigmata. As to the name nothing definite is known although there are several hypotheses. According to an inscription on a vase now in the Vatican, it is derived from the name of an Italian goddess, protector of thieves (Lavernai pocolom.) Thomas Celano, The three companions, and St. Bonaventura attribute its origin to the rocky and cavernous form of the mount itself. Mons *cavernae* by abbreviation *Alverna* or Verna.

It is situated in Tuscany, one of the provinces of Italy, 60 miles south of Florence. Its greatest height is about 4250 feet, the convent being 500 feet or so below. From the top can be had a fine view of the surrounding country which is mostly mountainous with little villages nestled in the indentations. From the convent, especially from the chapel of the stigmata there is also a fine view.

The approach to the convent is from the village of Bibbiena, about 8 miles distant where there is a railroad station and where an automobile can be hired to take one to the convent. The last three miles of the ascent is quite steep. At 1000 feet or so below the convent, there is a hospice for the women, where sleeping quarters are given free of charge. It can accommodate about 100. The ascent from here to the convent is very steep. Shortly before reaching the entrance of the convent you pass the Chapel of the birds (Uccelli) where St. Francis in the year 1214, was greeted by a multitude of birds.

Entering the piazza of the convent you pass under the reception and dining quarters of the visitors. Here men and women are given food *gratis*. During the year there are various feasts that draw many visitors. The principal ones are the Assumption, Saints Peter and Paul, and the Stigmata. This year for the Assumption there were about 10,000; for Sts. Peter and Paul about 4,000, and for the Stigmata about 12,000. The number of visitors this year has been unusually heavy. There were, during the summer 15 organized pilgrimages, French, and Italian, containing from 50 to 200 persons each, beside other societies, congregations, etc. In all, this past summer from the 1st of May to the Stigmata there have been about 75,000 visitors. Many of these received food and lodging. The night of the 16th of September about 140 women and about 180 men stayed overnight in the convent and hospice. On the 17th about 600 received their dinner and 500 others ate breakfast and supper.

As one enters the convent grounds he notices the inscription: *"Non est in tuto sanctior orbe mons"*—There is not in the whole world a holier mountain. Directly facing the entrance is the church of St. Mary of the Angels, the first church built on the mountain by St. Francis, after an apparition of the Blessed Virgin, Sept. 7th, 1216, who indicated the site and size. In 1250 a small addition was added, which is separated from the other part by a partition. Behind this church are the main church and convent.

In front of the main church is a stairway leading to the chapel of the Magdalen, so-called because Saint Francis used to go there to weep over his sins. Here is kept the stone on which Our Lord appeared and made him four promises concerning his order. Below this chapel is a large overhanging stone called the

sasso spicco (separated rock) under which St. Francis used to come to meditate on the passion of Our Lord. Directly above between the rents of the rocks may be seen the large stone that fell from above in 1867 when the Commission of the Government was turning the mountain over to the City of Florence.

THE CHAPEL OF THE STIGMATA

Between the main church and the Chapel of the Stigmata is a covered enclosure through which every day at 2 or 2:30 P. M. and in the night at 1 or 1:30 A. M. a procession is made from the main church to the Chapel of the Stigmata, during which a hymn or the Miserere is chanted or recited. Arrived at the Chapel of the Stigmata a brief touching ceremony takes place, the procession then returning to the main church.

Before entering the Chapel of the Stigmata you pass a door leading to the place outside the cliff where there is a small cavity in the rock. This is where St. Francis used to pray and where the devil tried to throw him over the cliff to the ground 130 feet below. He, however, leaning back sunk into the rock leaving the impression of his body therein, which has been somewhat obliterated by visitors chipping pieces for relics. Ascending the stairs you come to the Chapel of St. Anthony of Padua, who had a cell there, but had been forced to leave on account of his health, the air of the mountain not agreeing with him. This was the autumn of 1230. He died the following June in Padua. Leaving the cell of St. Anthony you pass up to the Chapel of St. Francis, which was formerly his cell. This is where the falcon used to come to wake him in the morning to say his office, and when he was sick would allow him to rest longer. Between this chapel and the chapel of the Stigmata is a kind of hall where formerly there was a chasm over which Saint Francis placed a log to cross and would not allow Brother Leo to cross without permission. The Chapel of the Stigmata is built on the site of the reception of the stigmata. The exact spot is marked by a marble slab covered by a bronze case.

Chapel of the Stigmata: In Front, Center—Stone of the Stigmata

THE SEVENTH CENTENARY CELEBRATION

Here it was on the morning of the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, Sept. 14th, 1224, that St. Francis looking up towards the heaven beheld a seraph approach and as it drew nearer perceived that it seemed to be fastened to a cross. Drawing near the seraph, perhaps our Lord Himself, impressed in the hands, feet and side the five wounds of the crucifixion. To commemorate the 700th anniversary of this event special ceremonies were held on the mountain from Sept. 14th to 17th. In these many Franciscan Superiors and ecclesiastics took part.

On Sept. 14th a French pilgrimage arrived conducted by a French Franciscan Provincial. The Provincial said Mass and all the pilgrims received Communion. Their piety was very edifying.

At about 9 A. M. the Rt. Rev. Immanuel Mignone, Bishop of the diocese, arrived and assisted at the Solemn High Mass celebrated by the Very Rev. Provincial of the Province of the Stigmata, Father Adolphus Martini, delivering a discourse on St. Francis' message, *Pax et Bonum* (Peace and Good). He spoke on the same subject also on the two following days.

About noon time the ringing of all the bells announced the arrival of His Eminence, Cardinal Giorgio, Protector of the Order. He was met at the entrance by a priest and some clerics carrying the baldachino and escorted to the church where the ceremony for his reception took place. Many visitors arrived during the day and when the procession took place in the afternoon the church was crowded. Most of the visitors were Italian and French.

The night of the 14th and also the two following, a large cross was illuminated outside the chapel of the Stigmata. This could be seen at the town of Bibbiena, 8 miles distant. During the illumination a hymn was sung by the choir stationed over the precipice, mentioned above, where there is the impression in the rock of the body of Saint Francis. The visitors gathered on the field below, perhaps 250 or 300 feet distant. The voices could be distinctly heard and as the choir was a picked one gave a fine recital. A solo was sung by a Franciscan Father, called the Franciscan Caruso, Cini, by name. His effort showed that he has not been named so without reason. The singing of this choir was commented on by many, especially the French pilgrims.

On the 15th at 10 A. M. Solemn High Mass was celebrated by the Very Rev. Quirino Talenti, Secretary General of the Order, Cardinal Giorgio assisting. In

the afternoon there was a solemn procession to the chapel of the Stigmata, the Rt. Rev. Bishop of Arezzo, taking part. Shortly after the procession the Very Rev. Procurator of the Order, representing the General, arrived and was greeted at the door by the Father Guardian, and received the customary homage paid to the delegate of the General, all present kissing his hand while he remained seated at the altar. The same afternoon the Very Rev. Provincial of the Seraphic Province of Assisi, arrived.

The morning of the 16th, there was a Solemn High Mass celebrated by the Very Rev. Procurator General, with Pontifical assistance of Cardinal Giorgio and the Rt. Rev. Bishop of Arezzo. After Vespers the procession took place, the Cardinal and the Rt. Rev. Bishop in full pontifical robes, and the Procurator General as delegate of the General, with the baldachino. When this took place the church was crowded to the doors. After the procession, Benediction was given by the Bishop.

During the afternoon the visitors came in crowds. Many Friars also and secular priests. All the available space was taken for beds and many remained in the church also. At 12 P. M. Matins and Laudes were chanted followed by the procession to the chapel of the Stigmata, many of the visitors taking part. When the procession passed through the chapel at 2:45 A. M. they had already started to say Mass there. From then on, all through the night and up till about noon of the 17th, Masses were being celebrated on about 15 different altars. There must have been 60 or 70 secular priests and over 125 Franciscans. During the morning a pilgrimage arrived and came into the church singing hymns. There was a great crowd both within and without the church. All wanted to receive Communion. About 4000 Communions were distributed.

The Solemn Pontifical Mass began about 10:30, being celebrated by the Cardinal, Protector of the Order. It lasted about 2½ hours. The church was crowded and the choir was filled with secular priests who seemed to be captivated by the singing of the choir.

At the dinner there were about 160 Friars present besides His Eminence the Cardinal and the Rt. Rev. Bishop. At 4 o'clock the Solemn procession was made leading outside the grounds and through the woods. In this the Cardinal and Bishop took part, also the Delegates accompanied by the Father General Definitor. The Father Guardian of Alvernia carried the relic of the blood of St. Francis, before which all the people bowed as the procession passed. Returning to the church, Solemn Benediction was imparted by His Eminence Cardinal Giorgio. From 12 o'clock noon of the 16th until midnight of the 17th, one could gain the *totics quotics* indulgence in all three churches of the mountain.

Although the celebration of the feast was made in this solemn manner the three days, from the 14th to the 16th, the formal Solemn closing did not take place until the Feast of St. Francis, when the Most Rev. Bernardine Klumper Minister General of the Friars Minor said the Communion Mass and His Eminence Cardinal Alphonsus Maria Mistrangelo, Archbishop of Florence, pontificated solemnly at 10 o'clock.

In the afternoon there was solemn Vespers followed by procession, and the closing of the Feast.

THE NEW ORGAN

The Father Guardian told me to say that the organ which was requested for the 700th anniversary of the Stigmata will be ready for installation in the Basilica next May. And although it is not yet completely paid for, the sum contributed in so doing, has been mainly contributed by the pious people of America, he therefore desires to express his thanks for their generosity.

FRANCISCANS ASSUME CHARGE IN CENTRAL TEXAS

The prospect of speedy development in our largest State looks very promising since the Franciscans during the past summer established themselves in Waco, Texas, to assume charge of a vast territory in the center of that State. When the Rev. P. A. Heckman, of Waco, made the announcement it was received with great joy by the large Mexican population whom they will chiefly serve.

"In a very real sense there is no education that is not Catholic." This statement was made by G. K. Chesterton, who was in Dublin for the Tailteann festival, at a reception given in his honor by the Council of the Central Catholic Library which was attended by a notable gathering of clergy and public men, including President Cosgrave and many senators and deputies. Mr. Chesterton, in acknowledging the reception, declared that education that left out the Catholic Church and its doctrines was not only leaving out the truth but the facts—the great bulk of the experience of the white race on this earth.

Count Muccioli, Director of the Studio of Mosaics in the Vatican, has finished the cartoons which will serve as models for the painting in oils from which will be reproduced the mosaic of Murillo's "Immaculate Conception," which is to be a gift from His Holiness to the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception at the Catholic University in Washington. The cartoons were made from an authentic copy of the original painting which Count Muccioli was sent by the Pope to Madrid especially to make. The gift of a mosaic of Murillo's "Immaculate Conception," for the Shrine in Washington, was the generous impulse of Pope Benedict XV. The death of that Pontiff prevented his keeping his pledge, but Pius XI faithfully respected it.

A priest who trekked 1,800 miles on foot in three months in an unknown region of Africa among uncivilized people has just celebrated his silver jubilee at Corby, Lincolnshire, where he is now parish priest. Father Lambert van der Kallen, ordained by Cardinal Vaughan, was among the first priests to go out from St. Joseph's Foreign Mission College, Mill Hill. He went to Uganda, with a little band of pioneers. Many of his companions paid an early toll, killed by the climate, but Father van der Kallen pushed on through the unknown country and established a record which must rank among the best feats of endurance ever accomplished.

St. Anthony's Corner

GRAYMOOR'S PERPETUAL NOVENA TO ST. ANTHONY

Do the Clients of St. Anthony among our LAMP Readers, who have learned by their own experience to patronize the Wonder-Worker's Perpetual Novena at Graymoor, communicate their knowledge to their neighbors? If we have found something of value in our own experience, it is really our duty to pass it on to others that they also may benefit as well as we.

Anyone who reads with attention month by month the Thanksgivings rendered by grateful Clients for the remarkable answers to prayer they have obtained by having recourse to St. Anthony through the medium of our Graymoor Novena, must recognize that such answers are not purely accidental, and that there must be some real potency in the intercession of this Great Saint. The testimonials that appear in our columns are only a fraction culled from the hundreds of such testimonials that come to us every month.

SPREAD DEVOTION AMONG YOUR FRIENDS TO ST. ANTHONY'S GRAYMOOR NOVENA.

A. K., New York: *"Please accept this small offering which I promised in thanksgiving for a favor granted through the intercession of St. Anthony. I recovered a sum of money which I had lost."*

Mrs. J. C., Los Angeles, Calif.: *"Please find five dollars enclosed as a thanksgiving to St. Anthony for his poor. My husband has secured a position and likes it; my prayers have been heard thanks to that never failing friend."*

Mrs. M. R., Washington, D. C.: *"Thanks to the intercession of St. Anthony my little girl and I have recovered our health in a very short time and in an almost miraculous manner for which kindly accept the enclosed offering in grateful appreciation. We shall often in the future remember Saint Anthony in the person of his poor."*

Mrs. M. M., Cincinnati, Ohio: *"Enclosed find check in thanksgiving to St. Anthony for finding a valuable article that was misplaced. We found it almost as soon as he was invoked."*

A. D., Maine: *"The enclosed offering is in fulfillment of a promise made to St. Anthony if my health was restored. I was sick in bed for almost seven months, part of the time so ill that death was expected at any time. Thanks to God and dear St. Anthony I am now able to be up and do some work and I am fast regaining my lost health. Please publish this in your magazine that others may write to the Friars of the Atonement to be remembered in the Perpetual Novena to St. Anthony when they stand in need either spiritually or temporally for he surely is the friend of all."*

M. M., St. Louis, Mo.: *"Many thanks to great St. Anthony for helping me to win a law suit. I feel I can never praise this Saint enough for all the good that he does. Please accept the enclosed offering for his Bread Fund."*

Mrs. M. G., Ohio: *"I am sending a thank offering to St. Anthony for helping my husband to have success in his business and also good health."*

N. S., New York: *"I enclose herewith an offering for Saint Anthony's Bread in grateful thanksgiving for certain favors received. So direct was the response to petitions made to this great Saint in matters of business necessities that I feel it is proper to publish this acknowledgement for the encouragement of others."*

A. O'B.: *"I am enclosing check for St. Anthony's Bread which I promised if a despaired favor was granted before his feast. It was, so I am fulfilling my promise with a very grateful heart."*

A. L., Missouri: *"I am sending five dollars as an offering for favor granted through dear Saint Anthony. I never had a good paying position until I invoked Saint Anthony and now I have one such as I never hoped for. Many thanks to the Friars for their prayers also."*

E. M., Jersey City, N. J.: *"Enclosed please find offering in thanksgiving to St. Anthony for many favors received. I wrote to you asking to be remembered in the Novena as I was in very poor health, having suffered a nervous breakdown and promised an offering if I was able to return to business within a specified time, and my prayers were answered it seems to me in a miraculous manner. Now I wish to make a Novena in thanksgiving for this and many favors granted to me in the past."*

Mrs. C. H.: *"Enclosed please find thank offering for St. Anthony's Bread Fund for the granting of my special petitions. My husband has made his Easter duty and my health is greatly improved."*

A. K., New York: *"I am very glad to acknowledge and to give thanks for a recent successful Novena to Saint Anthony. Things looked very dark indeed for a time but I am now pleased to tell you that they have grown brighter and more so daily. The enclosed money order is sent in gratitude to this great Saint of God for his poor."*

J. R., New York City: *"Certainly your prayers have great power for a burden has been lifted from us. My father had such success in business lately, that he is now out of debt and on his feet again. I have also secured a very fine temporary position. Enclosed please find ten dollars which I promised to donate to St. Anthony's Bread Fund. I do not know how to express my gratitude to that beloved Saint and to the Friars and Sisters of the Atonement at Graymoor, but one thing I can and will always do and that is to pray for the holy Society of the Atonement."*

K. N.: *"Herewith please find thank offering for success in passing final examinations for Registered Nurse through the intercession of Our Lady of the Atonement and good Saint Anthony."*

T. M.: *"Herewith please find offering for success in securing appointment to position offering higher salary and better opportunities through the intercession of St. Anthony a few days before his Feast."*

EAST SIDE SHARES

It has now been a long time since any mention has been made in THE LAMP of the shares issued in 1920 to cover the purchase of the one-hundred acre addition to St. Anthony's Farm, which was made about that time. By way of explanation and reminder, we quote the following from the August issue of THE LAMP for that same year:

"You will remember when we purchased the seventy-five acres constituting the East Side of the Mount of the Atonement, we issued one thousand shares of capital stock to cover it, the par value of each share being five dollars. A certificate much resembling those issued by mining, oil and railroad stock companies was sent to every contributor to the purchase of the East Side in sums of five, ten, twenty-five, fifty, or a hundred dollars, and on the face of the certificate was printed these lines:

"'*The stock thus purchased does not constitute material ownership of the seventy-five acres called for by the deed, but only to a share in the Spiritual Benefits reaped by the Angels of God from the Holy Ground and transmuted into the riches of Heaven. This certificate is transferable with its Spiritual Values at the will of the owner so long as it is not wilfully destroyed.*'

"This issue of one thousand shares was sometime ago exhausted by our faithful Benefactors, and we are now preparing to make another issue of one thousand shares to cover the purchase of the One Hundred Acre Addition to St. Anthony's Farm, which is in reality an extension of the East Side, and can be readily included in it.

"Therefore, when the stock certificates come from the engravers, we will issue them to all Benefactors who shall hereafter purchase one or more of these five dollar shares in the New Addition to St. Anthony's Farm."

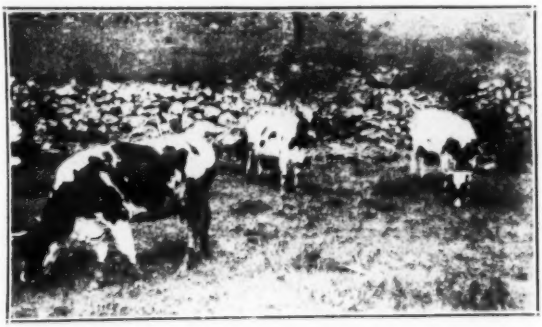
As several thousand dollars still remain to be paid on the purchase price of this Hundred Acre Addition extension to the East Side of the Mount of the Atonement, we will be glad to dispose of the shares still remaining in the hands of the Treasurer.

They have no marketable value, of course. But, as the annual yield of St. Anthony's Farm is an important asset in the support of the Friars and Students who serve and worship God on the summit of the Holy Mountain, the stockholders should,—and no doubt will,—receive valuable credits in the books which the Angel Recorders keep in Heaven, where "Treasure laid up" persevers through Eternity.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO EAST SIDE FUND

From April 1, 1924 to October 15, 1924

A friend, $5; A. G., $5; J. P., $2; E. C., $1; Mrs. B. S., $5; Wm. E. McL., $5; J. L. C., $10; A friend, $1; Mrs. G. T. W., $12; Mrs. J. W. H., $1; A. M. O'B., $1; A. M. C., $1; M. A. McC., $5; Miss C. O'D., $1; Mrs. M. G., $2; Miss H. R., $5; B. E. R., $1; A friend, $2; Miss C. O'D., $1; B. W., $1; J. L. C., $15; A. McC., $5; Mrs. P. A. G., $3; S. C. B., $2; Mrs. F. S., $1; Mrs. F. F., $5; Mrs. S. P., $5; C. L. L., $1; H. O'K., $10; Mrs. M. J. T., $1; S. C. B., $1; C. M. D., $1; E. S., $1; I. W., $5; A friend, $15; Mrs. F. H. M., $1; Mrs. B. M., $1; A. C., $5; Mrs. E. H., $1; Mrs. W. D., $5; J. L. C., $10; M. L., $3; Mrs J. H., $3; N. C., $5; Mrs. T. E. O., $5; J. L. C., $10; Mrs. J. T., $3; A. B., $2; Mrs. M. B., $1; M. E. H., $1; Mrs. Wm. D., $5; M. H., $3; A. G. D., $2.50; A friend, $5; W. T. W., $10; Through Atonement Press, $4; Mrs. D. H., $1; Through Atonement Press, $1; Mrs. M. J. W., $10; M. C. S., $5; L. J. G., $5; Mrs. W. D., $1; Mrs. J. O., $25. Total: $274.50.



Three Farm Beauties

FARM NOTES

At a considerable expense for sand and cement together with manual labor the dam on the Farm is being repaired and raised one foot higher, thus considerably increasing the depth and extent of the ice pond in preparation for the winter's harvest. It will also serve as a reservoir to supply the Graymoor Village with water, an increasing amount of which will be required as the Village develops.

The yield of fodder corn for the silo this year was a little in excess of last year's production. The potatoes have not turned out so well. The yield of hay, however, has made up for this shortage, some thirty tons having been harvested.

The pigs on the Farm number about fifty, so that the prospects for fresh pork during the winter is very bright. This is fortunate, because the number of Brothers Christopher on the Mountain is unusually large for this season of the year, and no doubt during the winter months St. Christopher's Inn, and the other lodging places for wayfaring men on the Mount of the Atonement, will be taxed to capacity.

The production of milk on the Farm ranges from ninety to a hundred quarts a day.

November Letter To Rosarians

Beloved Sons and Daughters of the Atonement: We have come to the month of the seared and yellow leaf. Nature is preparing to descend into the grave of winter and all things round about remind us of death.

As your Spiritual Director, therefore, permit me to preach you a little sermon on the folly of fashion, and the vain pursuit of carnal pleasures, at the sacrifice of immortal good. "Ye cannot serve God and mammon," said Our Lord to the men of his generation. And you cannot be at the same time a worshipper at the shrine of materialism, and a spiritual minded servant of God.

St. Paul in his Epistle to the Romans (VIII Chap.) puts it on this wise:

"They that are according to the flesh mind the things that are of the flesh; but they that are according to the spirit mind the things that are of the spirit. For the wisdom of the flesh is death; but the wisdom of the spirit is life and peace. Because the wisdom of the flesh is an enemy to God; for it is not subject to the law of God neither can be. And they who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh, but in the spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh, you shall die; but if by the Spirit you mortify the deeds of the flesh, you shall live. For whosoever are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God."

"In the world, yet not of the world," is the description of the true Christian given by Our Lord Himself. A Tertiary of the Atonement, who has resided with her husband and little son for four years in France, has described to us recently the line of demarcation between the Faithful Catholics of Paris, and the multitude whose passion is the world, its gaieties, its extravagances of dress, its general paganism.

These devout Catholics, even when rich, dress in a very plain and simple way, differentiating them quite distinctly from the fashionably attired votaries of the world.

So should it be with our Rosarians. You should be known and recognized by the modesty and plainness of your attire in contrast to the loud and vulgar dress so characteristic of the woman of the world, be they of the millionaire or the middle class.

We would be happy to see all our Rosarians join the Third Order of St. Francis, and observe the Holy Rule which he gave for people living "in the world" and yet "not of the world;" men and women who seek to belong wholly to God, and to serve Him as perfectly as the circumstances of their life will permit.

We live in an age of intense materialism, and the multitudes are money-mad under the mistaken belief that money spells happiness. Happiness is a feeling of man's interior heart and soul; and real happiness can only be generated there by the Spirit of God and the testimony of a good conscience.

Our Lord said: "The Kingdom of Heaven is within you." Heaven and happiness not only begin with the same letter, but in the end of all things they are synonymous.

To build up happiness on the flesh is to build it upon corruption and the grave. On the other hand, to mortify the carnal man, that the Spirit of God may dwell in you, is to know peace on earh, with a large measure of downright happiness, and to experience everlasting joy in Heaven.

FR. PAUL JAMES FRANCIS, S. A.
Spiritual Director.

THANKSGIVINGS FOR FAVORS RECEIVED THROUGH THE INTERCESSION OF OUR LADY OF THE ATONEMENT

A. W., New York City: *"I would like to have published in the next issue of* THE LAMP *a special favor received through the kind prayers of the Sisters of the Atonement on August 20th, 1924."*

M. M. S., Springfield, Ill.: *"The Novena was the means of my getting a position, all thanks to Our Lady of the Atonement and the wonderful prayers of the Sisters and all members of the Rosary League."*

R. M., Wisconsin: *"I requested you to include me in your Novena promising to send twenty dollars in honor of Our Lady of the Atonement when I had completed my commercial course and had secured a position. I have a nice position, and my health is excellent. I am very grateful to Our Lady and to you for your prayers, and I enclose the offering promised."*

N. T. C., Portland, Maine: *"I have derived much benefit from your Novenas, and Our Lady of the Atonement has always answered my prayers. My leg is now completely cured. Our Lady of the Atonement's medal has been used by two different persons in seeking favors, and I am thankful to say that both obtained what they asked for."*

C. T., New Jersey: *"A great sorrow had come into my life; but thank God I have peace and happiness once more. I have also been reconciled to a dear friend from whom I had been estranged. It happened in a most unexpected way. Truly God answers prayers through the intercession of Our Lady of the Atonement, Saint Anthony and the Little Flower of Jesus."*

Mrs. C. R., Chicago, Ill.: *"I am sending another dollar for two favors received through Our Lady of the Atonement and Saint Anthony, for whenever I have any trouble or sickness I always turn to them and they never fail to help me."*

Mrs. B. D., New Brunswick, Can.: *"I want three favors to be granted, dear Lady. You have always granted all I asked of you before."*

E. C. J., Coxsackie, N. Y.: *"What I asked has been more than granted, for which I am very grateful. Enclosed find promised offering of two dollars. Thanks to the Sacred Heart, Our Lady and Saint Anthony."*

G. S. McC., New Jersey: *"For the past year I have been asking for an increase in my salary, and at last I am glad to say I have received the increase. In thanksgiving I am*

sending you an offering of twenty-five dollars to be used in honor of Our Lady of the Atonement for any purpose that you may wish, and I thank you good Sisters for your prayers."

M. C. C., Minneapolis, Minn.: *"Thanks to Our Lady and Saint Anthony my house which had been idle for six months is now rented. I needed the money so much. Thank God for His favors and goodness to me."*

Mrs. G. E. S.: *"Enclosed find offering which I promised if a favor was granted during the Novena to Our Lady of the Atonement. As soon as the Novena began things looked promising, and last Monday the favor was completely granted."*

M. H., Jackson, Mich.: *"We made the Novena for my brother to get work, and before we had finished it he was called to a good position, so we are very thankful, indeed."*

N. F., Iowa.: *"Find enclosed one dollar which I am sending in grateful appreciation for the obtaining of a school through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin. I sincerely thank you for your prayers."*

Mrs. C., Jersey City, N. J.: *"I am sending one dollar to Our Lady of the Atonement and Saint Anthony for a very special favor that was granted me. It seemed impossible, but I succeeded in getting a house which I had been trying to get for over a year. I am very grateful to Our Lady of the Atonement and Saint Anthony, and ask you to publish in* THE LAMP."

A. M. K.: *"I was blessed in so many ways last winter and spring after joining in your Novena that I am now sending requests for the September Novena."*

M. K., Sharon, Pa.: *"A short time ago I wrote asking you to be remembered in the Novena to Our Lady of the Atonement for a successful operation. Thanks to Our Lady, and you, dear Sisters, for your prayers, I came through it wonderfully, and am now better. You will find the offering which I promised. Please publish this in* THE LAMP."

"Thanks to Our Dear Lady of the Atonement and Saint Anthony, a favor very much desired was granted through your August Novena. I wish, dear Friars and Sisters, you could know the good these Novenas do to us poor people struggling in the world."

Mrs. E. J., Pennsylvania: *"In the last Novena I asked to have luck in renting my rooms, and also in selling some stock which my husband had left. I did not rent my rooms, but the stock was sold in New York last week. How thankful we Catholics ought to be for the blessing of the true faith!"*

Mrs. W. J. W., Cincinnati, Ohio: *"A short while ago I wrote you in regard to my brother. He is now back with his wife, and the divorce suit dismissed which is nothing short of a miracle through your prayers and our and Holy Masses. Many thanks to Our Lady of the Atonement and you dear Sisters."*

Mrs. J. T., Bristol, Pa.: *"I promised a donation and publication in* THE LAMP *if I obtained an almost impossible petition through the three Novenas, May, June and July, to Our Lady of the Atonement. Thanks to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Our Lady and the good Sisters, my request was granted in a way that would seem almost impossible. Please publish this in* THE LAMP, *and enter me in the next Novena."*

A. McG., Pennsylvania: *"The enclosed offering is in thanksgiving to Our Lady of the Atonement for the recovery of my mother after she had been given up for death. After the Novena of the Last Resort had been made she became better gradually. I would urge everyone to have the utmost confidence in Our dear Lady of the Atonement."*

Mrs. J. P. G.: *"Several months ago I asked your prayers that my sister might sell her business and pay off her numerous debts. She has not yet sold it, but instead has been helped in first one way and then in another, and has been saved from ruin many times."*

M. B. E., Washington, D. C.: *"Enclosed find offering which I promised to give Our Lady of the Atonement for favor granted me and for which I cannot sufficiently express my appreciation."*

M. F., Pennsylvania: *"We have great faith in the Novena of Our Lady of the Atonement and enclose five dollars for a very great favor received through your prayers."*

G. L. B., New York: *"Enclosed find check for ten dollars for Saint Anthony's poor which I promised you last spring, if my business was successful. The Wonder Worker certainly helped me when things looked very dark."*

Mrs. S. T., Chicago: *"Just received your letter this morning, and thought I would answer it to tell you my brother got his job back, took the pledge and went to confession and Holy Communion. Thank God, Saint Anthony and you, Father, for your prayers and blessings. I know it was nothing but prayer that did it."*

R. S. F., New York: *"The enclosed check for five dollars is a promised donation to Saint Anthony in thanksgiving for a favor obtained through his intercession at Graymoor."*

R. M., Oregon: *"Enclosed find an offering which I promised Saint Anthony if I found my lost suitcase which contained all of my belongings. I did find it, and I want to thank dear Saint Anthony."*

Mrs. M. C. M.: *"I am enclosing five dollars for a favor received through the intercession of Saint Anthony. I asked that my son be able to pass the eighth grade in grammar school so he could enter High School this fall; and as our prayers have been heard I am sending what I promised.*

ROSARY LEAGUE INTERCESSIONS

Special Intention for November:

All Souls

Other Intentions:

Conversion to Christ and Holy Church of the One Thousand Million who are still pagan. Conversion of all Eastern Schismatics, Anglicans and other Protestants to Catholic Unity. Conversion of the Jews. For the China, Japan, Africa and India Missions. Supplications for Priests and Religious in their sphere of service.

Spiritual favors, 2,520. Concerning Vocation to the Priesthood or the Religious life or guidance therein, 68. Happy Marriage, 54. Grace of Temperance for 287. Return to God and the Sacraments for 516. Special Intentions 3,210. Conversion to Catholicism, 335. Conversion of Life, 274. Happy Death for 134. Repose of 246 Souls.

Temporal favors, 1,962. Restoration to health for 2,144. Return of lost articles, 15. Prayers asked for 124. Successful examinations for 6.

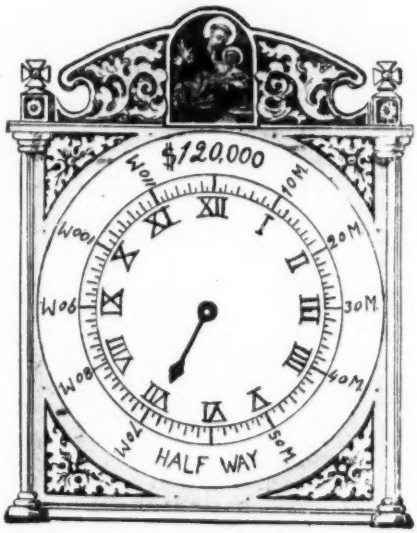
Financial and Industrial: Success for 458. Good sales and rentals, 265. Suitable employment for 386. Financial aid for 218. Thanksgivings are rendered by 1,318.

The Vineyard and Thanksgiving Day

We announced to our Readers a month ago that the NEXT PAY DAY *on* "THE VINEYARD" DEBT would be *November 29th.* As the check for this payment will have to leave Graymoor on Thanksgiving Day, we are inviting all our Lamp Readers to Make a Contribution at this time towards The Vineyard *which will serve as your Thanksgiving Offering to Almighty God for the temporal blessings which have been yours during the past year.*

As stated last month, the Friars of the Atonement agreed to pay the owners of The Vineyard the sum of $190,000 in full payment for the same. Fifty-Eight Thousand of this has already been paid, mainly through the generosity of our LAMP Subscribers. The Unpaid Balance now stands at the sum of ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS.

We are going to ask the "ANTIDOTE CRUSADERS" to unite with our LAMP ARMY in this Thanksgiving Day Collection for the benefit of THE VINEYARD. If a UNIVERSAL RESPONSE is made in the same spirit of generosity which has always characterized our LAMP Readers, *we shall realize our hope of seeing the debt on* THE VINEYARD reduced *to* ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS.



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The ALL IMPORTANT ESSENTIAL for the success of this Collection is that EVERYBODY CONTRIBUTES SOMETHING. *We would rather have a dime or a quarter from* EVERY LAMP and ANTIDOTE SUBSCRIBER, than to receive hundred dollar checks from a select few. The united strength of THE LAMP Army and THE ANTIDOTE Crusaders at the present time is One Hundred Thousand. *If every* LAMP *and* ANTIDOTE *Subscriber gave only twenty-five cents in the Thanksgiving Day Collection which we propose to take up for* THE VINEYARD *the Grand Total would be* TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS.

Therefore, when the appeal comes, if, owing to financial calls in other directions you are unable to give as liberal a sum as you would like, cast into THE VINEYARD treasury *some fragments of a broken dollar* and we will astonish you later when on the face of St. Anthony's Clock we will register the Grand Result. God be praised for those thousands of Graymoor Benefactors who send a dollar every time they are asked and don't seem to mind or find fault no matter how many times the basket is passed around.

A COTTAGE WITH A HISTORY

Besides the large brick mansion erected some seventy years ago by Conway Robinson, there stands on The Vineyard acres a cottage originally erected a century or more ago, which in its day was honored by visits from some of the greatest national celebrities of their day and generation. Mr. Agg, the predecessor of Mr. Robinson, as owner of The Vineyard was Editor of a leading Washington paper and among the guests whom he entertained in this little frame cottage and that quite frequently were Henry Clay and Daniel Webster. Miss Agnes Robinson, the venerable maiden lady, who resided all her life in the Robinson Mansion until she sold the property to the Friars of the Atonement has pointed out to us the very spot where Daniel Webster was wont to practice those speeches in the Senate of the United States which created so profound an impression that the tradition thereof has come down to our own day.

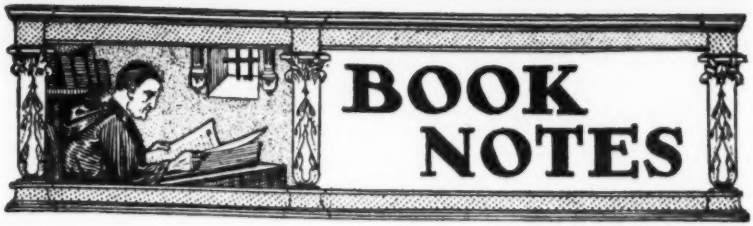
John Eppstein, who was elected president of the International Catholic League at the recent Congress at Lugano, is a British subject, educated at Bradfield college and at Oxford University, and a convert to the Church. He held a commission and did distinguished work with the British army during the war. He was the secretary and chief organizer of the Conference at Reading last Autumn which led to the erection of the newly formed Catholic Council for International Relations set up by the Hierarchy of England and Wales.

PRAISE APPRECIATED

Manager (about to give clerk a "dressing down"): "Mr. Jones, of late your work has been very perfunctory—"

Clerk: "Mr. Smith, I've been working here for three months now, and though I have tried my best, that's the first bit of praise I have received since I've been here. Thank you."—*Souther Cross.*

Please examine our Calendar advertisement which will be found on the last page.



OUR NUNS. Their Varied and Vital Service for God and Country. By Daniel A. Lord, S. J. 12mo., cloth, net, $1.75. Postage 15 cents. Benziger Bros., N. Y. City.

Is there anything greater in the Church today than the splendid work of our Catholic Sisters—those patient, self-sacrificing women, who, for the love of God, have given up all that the world offers that they may serve in poverty and holiness, the many forms of human need. Father Lord has given us a delightful book, at times humorous, again with a touch of pathos. And he has spared us, much to our gratification, those burdensome statistics which are so often the bane of an appreciation.

United States Catholic Chaplains in the World War. Compiled and Edited by Right Reverend Monsignor George J. Waring, Ph. D., LL. D., V.G., who is known throughout the United States and abroad for his work in both military and ecclesiastical circles.

The volume was written to give facts simply and plainly so as to present data for ready reference. It is remarkable in that it has kept unswervingly to this purpose. The book should prove of immense value as a guide to historians and biographers as well as a compact encyclopedia of Catholic chaplains' work.

CATECHISM OF THE VOWS. For the Use of Religious. By Rev. Peter Cotel, S. J. Twenty-eighth Edition Carefully Revised and Harmonized with the Code of Canon Law, by Rev. Emile Jombart, S. J.. Translated by William H. McCabe.. S. J.. Cloth.. Net 50 Cents.. Postage 5 Cents.

The re-editing and revision of this excellent little work, a real classic in its particular domain, will surely win the approval of the numerous religious communities.

Manual for Novices, by the Brothers of the Sacred Heart, Metuchen, New Jersey. Price $1.50.

A valuable text book which shows the Novice the practical way of every action and for every duty. Judge of it by its subjects: Vocation, daily actions, weekly exercises, etc., religious virtues, devotions, the goal of the Novitiate.

Passionist Mission Book. D. B. Hansen & Sons, 27 North Franklin Street, Chicago, Ill. Cloth 50c, imitation leather, 75c.

This is a devotional little prayerbook specializing upon the Sacred Passion, supplying instructions and devotions.

OUR LADY BOOK. By Rev. F. X. Lasance, Benziger Bros., Barclay St., New York City. Reflections on the Blessed Virgin Mary with selections of prayers, making it a complete prayer book. Imitation leather. Limp, round corners, red edges. $1.85. Finer bindings up to $4.75.

The holy Doctors and Fathers of the Church, together with her greatest spiritual writers, both ancient and modern, have contributed to this collection of devotions that attempt to reflect the glories of the Queen of Heaven. Her life, her virtues, her prerogatives are treated or denoted, while fervent exhortations aim to make them practical in our daily lives.

The Lord of Love and Light. By a Catholic Convert. This little volume printed in rately good and clear type is a collection of devotional and explanatory extracts from Holy Scripture, and Saints and Doctors of the Church, setting forth the supernatural character of our Holy Faith.

Summary of the Religious Life for Congregations of Sisters. Fr. Pustet Co., 52 Barclay St., New York City. Paper 35 cents. By D. I. Lanslots, O. S. B., St. Vincent Archabbey, Beatty, Pa.

In this excellent little book we have in short paragraphs the conclusions of saints and other ascetic writers regarding the religious life, with the practices and means thereto. This will be doubtless, in its concise and scholarly form, a great help to the Novice Mistress. Young ladies in the world considering their vocation will, also, find in its pages much to enable them to act intelligently in a matter of such importance. For professed sisters, the **Summary** will be a reminder of the lessons taught in the Novitiate.

Thy Kingdom Come, By J. E. Moffatt, S. J. Benziger Brothers, New York City. 30 Cents.

The **Preface** of this little book of devotion tells us that some of its chapters appeared as articles in **The Sentinel of the Blessed Sacrament,** and that they were written originally and are now collected with the author's hope of fostering an increased appreciation of the real presence of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

The Tertiaries Companion. A Prayer Book for the members of the Third Order Secular of Saint Francis. Compiled by Fr. Vincent Schrempp, O. F. M., 8th edition. B. Herder Co., St. Louis, Mo. 50 Cents.

We are very glad indeed to see this new and revised edition of what has long been the standard Tertiary prayerbook. We advise every member of a Third Order Fraternity and also isolated members of the Third Order, to get and keep by them this Franciscan Companion. The pages containing the **Ceremonial and the List of Indulgences** are more than worth the price of the little book.

The Creator and the Creature. By Frederick William Baber. Joseph F. Wagner, 23 Barclay St., New York City. $1.25.

This well known work of Father Faber's is an exposition of the "Wonders of Divine Love." It is a human book with a human appeal. Few, provided they will allow themselves to come under the charm of this master of the spiritual life, will be proof against the contagion of Faber's deep love of God, his sweetness, his buoyancy of spirit and his enthusiasm.

AN APPEAL FOR THE DYING

(Continued from page 340)

pleading with us to act at once. "Go ye swift angels." (Isaias XVIII-2) "Go ye to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." (Matt. X-6)

There is something marvelous and sublime in the Devotion of the Dying. It reaches the confines of two worlds, where Time ends and Eternity begins, for both meet in death. It assures the perseverance of the just in God's grace, it obtains the conversion of the dying sinner. There are times, when it goes into the very jaws of death, when only a few hours, perhaps a few minutes, separate a sinner from hell fire, to snatch his soul from the very clutches of the demons and give it to God and to heaven for eternity," (Rom. XI-33,) who has made man so powerful by prayer, yet so weak by nature. Mystery of love, whose secret is in heaven. Let us then make use of this power over the heart of God to save His dying creatures. Zeal for the salvation of the agonizing will surely draw down a blessing upon our lives and obtain in return a happy death.

In an instant a mortal sin is committed, with the grace of God in an instant a sinner may repent and be forgiven. "Where sin abounded, grace did more abound." (Rom. V-20). The efficacy of grace and the rapidity of its workings are well illustrated in the following authentic incident taken from "St. Chantal and the Foundation of the Visitation" translated from the 11th French edition with a preface by Cardinal Gibbons (Page 248). This work was written by Mgr. Bougaud, Bishop of Laval, an author highly praised by the Catholic Encyclopedia. (See Vol. II, page 710.) The incident is as follows: Charles Amadeus, Duke of Nemours engaged in a duel with the Duke of Beaufort, his brother-in-law. He fell dead at the first stroke. But the instant the sword touched his person, quick as lightning, he raised his heart to God and obtained pardon. This was revealed to Sister Martignat, a Visitation nun who died in odor of sanctity. She hastened to inform her Superioress and asked permission to offer herself as a victim of expiation for his poor soul. "Yes, Mother," she exclaimed, "I have seen his soul in purgatory, but so low down, at such a depth doomed to remain there for a long time. * * * As the Superioress hesitated to believe that the prince was saved, Sister Martignat said: "Yes a million others would have been lost under such circumstances. He had but one moment to cooperate with God's grace, and he made good use of it. He had not lost his faith. It was like a match ready to ignite. The divine spark inflamed it. Never, perhaps, since the demon became a demon, was he more disappointed in his expectations, than when he saw that prey escape him."

If the grace of perfect contrition was granted in the twinkle of an eye to a man because he prayed, although fighting a duel, a crime that incurs excommunication, with what confidence then should we not, thousands united together, beg God to have mercy on those, who come to their end by natural causes? After the humiliation of Bethlehem, after the ignominies and sufferings of Calvary, after twenty centuries of Real Presence in the Holy Eucharist, after all that Jesus has done to save men, shall we not try to do our share, by dedicating our lives to assist our dying brethren, in the measure that our position and duties permit. In return the Devotion for the Dying will hallow our days and consecrate them in the pursuit of the greatest END, next to the glory of God, that God or man may conceive—THE SALVATION OF IMMORTAL SOULS.

L. Ferland,

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The following is a list of Deceased Subscribers and Near Relatives whose deaths have been reported to us during the last month. The list is restricted to those who die within the subscription year. For them Collectively a Set of Thirty Masses will be said by a Foreign Missionary priest. The number thirty has been chosen because the custom of saying this number of Masses for the repose of a single soul is very ancient, being commonly known by the name of Gregorian Masses. Since these have proven so efficacious for the individual, a set of Thirty Masses said by one priest on thirty consecutive days must also prove efficacious, although the number of souls prayed for be many, for the power of the Holy Sacrifice is unlimited:

Rev. Sebastian Stutts, C. P.; Rev. John Brophy, Sister Mary Linus Wilhelm, Sister Magdalen Saint Thais, Sister Mary Urbaine, Sister Mary Catherine, Francis Garlitz, Kate Egan, Mary Devery, E. J. Murphy, Thomas H. Coughlin, James and Margaret Foley, James C. Flaherty, Michael Augustus Regan, Michael Herr, John Mazur, Mrs. A. Smith, Michael Flannery, Margaret Ann Conley, Albert J. Pauln, L. P. and Mrs. Ella Damon, Charles Devine, Mary Devine, Sarah McCarrick, Edward F. Corley, James B. Erwin, Herman Lammers, Margaret Beneditto, Mrs. B. McNamara, Mr. and Mrs. John Purcell, Sr., Mary A. Carlin, Mrs. John Cavanaugh, Adolph Gonzalez, Mary E. Chisham, Michael Griffin, Mary Leavy, Frank Cavanaugh, Joseph McCrane, John O'Toole, Christopher Columbus, Louis Beringer, Mrs. Catherine Daly, Mrs. John H. Ball, John Cavanaugh, Mrs. Lucy Murphy, Rose O'Connor, Mrs. Emma Gilmore, Victor Henry Scherer, Mrs. Anna McDermott, Mrs. Nick Entringer, James McDermott, Timothy J. Brinnin, Katherine Murphy, Mary C. Hoban, Jimmy Murphy, Mrs. Frank J. Dorger, Margaret T. Shea, Thos. P. Cannavan, Mrs. Susan C. De Mint, Ed. V. Coffey, James Morgan, Mrs. Mary Quinn, Mrs. Elizabeth Weiser Kenedy, Bridget McGuire, Mrs. J. J. McMullen, Mrs. Matilda Kyle, Margaret Sheridan, Mrs. M. Mirl, Bernard F. Schriever, W. A. Kyle, P. H. Hogan, Adolph Beck, Nellie Glenn Weishler, John Oliver, Catherina Flaherty, Mrs. Mary Bleasdale, James Murphy, Phineas B. Carleton, Thomas Sheeran, Margaret Guidon, Mrs. Sarah Dentel, Nicholas Noomile, Mrs. Elizabeth A. Voss, William H. Mullen, Frederick M. Mullen, Arthur W. Brackett, Mary Green, Sarah Gordon, Mrs. Mary Gallagher, Stephen Burk, Timothy Nevin, Patrick Kelly, Agnes Gallagher, Joseph Roy, Albert J. Pauli, L. P. Damon, Mrs. Ella Damon, Joseph Boos, Patrick Clinton, Mrs. Ella Barry, Mrs. Margaret Farrell, Mrs. Mary E. Ellis, Sr. Mary Bernadine Spring, Rev. Michael Burke, S. J., Sister Mary G. Reddy, Sister Mary Veronica Murphy, James O'Brien, Chas. Shaeffer, Mrs. Ellen Saunders, Miss Mary Quinn, Hannah A. Burke, Charles F. Henry, Catherine A. Henry, J. Richards, H. C. Litzinger, Mrs. James O'Brien.

In the Catholic Oratory at the British Empire Exhibition at Wembley recently, two natives in the British Guiana section were married by Father Cary-Elwes, S. J., a brother of a neighboring convent gave a wedding breakfast to the pair, providing a handsome bridal cake. Father Cary-Elwes, who is a missionary in British Guiana, at present home on sick leave, interpreted to the married couple the necessary formularies and the congratulations of the assembled company.

One of the most important faculty additions at Marquette University, Milwaukee, in recent years was made public when the Rev. Albert C. Fox, S. J., president of the university, announced that Major Edward A. Fitzpatrick of Madison, former secretary of the Wisconsin State Board of Education, would go to Marquette this fall as dean of the graduate school and professor of education. Major Fitzpatrick, is a native of New York City and a graduate of Columbia University, from which he holds the bachelor of science, master of arts and doctor of philosophy degrees, as well as a master's diploma in secondary education, a bachelor's diploma in teaching English and a doctor's diploma in school administration. From 1903 to 1912 he was a teacher in the grade and high schools of New York City.

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